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## ADVERTISEMENT.

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The seventeenth volume of the **RELIGIOUS MONITOR** is commenced under circumstances of more than ordinary discouragement. Not only are we oppressed by the existing derangement of money matters in the community at large, and a very general neglect to liquidate arrearages, but to this must also be added a feverish state of the public mind respecting minor and incidental questions which ought to be absorbed in higher considerations. To illustrate our meaning; we frequently hear complaints like the following: the **Monitor** is not sufficiently anti-slavery; it is too much so; you do not publish enough on that subject; you publish too much; it is political; it refuses to point out political abuses; it is too favourable to voluntary societies; it is too much opposed to voluntary societies; it disapproves of amalgamation; it is too favourable to amalgamation. All these conflicting reasons, and others of a like character, are sufficient inducements with many to withdraw their patronage, sometimes without making payment. The efficacy of these reasons, however, is always according to the degree of intelligence, prejudice, party-spirit, or passion of the individuals upon whom they operate. But to all these charges we plead not guilty. The **Monitor** never has been, and while we have any concern with it, never will be, prostituted to mere political or party purposes. For the great political parties which agitate the country at present, we have no sympathy, no feeling of affinity, and but little regard. But on a great variety of questions, incidental to a sound profession, and the right discharge of religious duties, public opinion rises and falls like the swells of the ocean. Amidst these fluctuations it shall be our aim to hold a steady hand. Our principles are immutable. The doctrines and practices of the Christian church lie far beyond the reach of political revolutions, or any other earthly changes. While, therefore, a reasonable latitude of discussion, and choice of subjects must be given to correspondents, or our publication would soon sink into dry uninteresting details, contributors to our pages should keep in view the **MAIN DESIGN**, namely, the edification, peace, purity, sanctification and enlargement of the church. Intelligent Christians will not object to free discussion, properly conducted; they will not take offence at the exercise in others of that Christian liberty which they claim for themselves. We go for the principles of the Reformation, as these were understood and practised three hundred years since, and as they are still set forth in the subordinate standards of the Associate Synod of North America; and we call upon our Christian brethren to bear in mind that it depends upon them to decide the question whether the church shall continue to enjoy the many obvious advantages of such a work, or whether it shall be permitted to expire through their supineness.

C. WEBSTER.

*Philadelphia, June, 1840.*



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MINUTES

OF THE ASSOCIATE SYNOD OF NORTH AMERICA, AT THEIR THIRTY-  
NINTH ANNUAL MEETING, HELD IN BALTIMORE, MD., MAY 27TH,  
1840, AND CONTINUED BY ADJOURNMENT TO THE 5TH OF JUNE.

Synod met, pursuant to adjournment, and was constituted with  
prayer, by the Rev. F. W. McNaughton, Moderator.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

[Those members whose names are marked thus, (\*) were not present at the opening of Synod.]

MINISTERS.

ELDERS.

*Of the Presbytery of Vermont.*

Thomas Goodwillie.

*Of the Presbytery of Cambridge.*

A. Gordon,

John Rae,

A. Anderson,

P. McEachron,

J. P. Miller,

Wm. McGeoch,

D. Gordon.

Robert T. Law.

*Of the Presbytery of Albany.*

Peter Campbell,

David Donan,

James Martin.

David Martin.\*

*Of the Presbytery of Philadelphia.*

F. W. McNaughton,

Wm. Porter,

J. S. Easton,

John Smith,

John G. Smart,

Samuel Fulton,

C. Webster,

Wm. S. Young,

J. T. Cooper,

James Wilson.\*

John Adams,\*

D. Anderson.

*Of the Presbytery of Miami.*

T. S. Kendall,

A. Heron,

James Wallace.\*

*Of the Presbytery of Illinois.*

James Templeton.

*Of the Presbytery of Richland.*

Samuel Hindman,

James Law.

*Of the Presbytery of Muskingum.*

John Walker,

T. Miller.\*

## MINISTERS.

Thomas Hanna,  
S. M·Arthur.

*Of the Presbytery of Chartiers.*

Dr. Ramsay,  
Dr. Beveridge,  
Wm. M. M·Elwee.

*Of the Presbytery of Allegheny.*

Joseph Scroggs.\*

*Of the Presbytery of Carolinas.*

A. Whyte, jr.\*  
H. Thompson.\*

Of the Presbyteries of Indiana, Ohio, Shenango, and Stamford, none were present.

Mr. Wm. M·Geoch, ruling elder from the congregation of Cambridge, being present, was, on motion, invited to a seat.

The following preamble and resolutions were offered, and adopted, namely:

“Whereas the minutes of the Synod are read and corrected at each session, resolved, that the reading of them at the beginning of the subsequent meeting be dispensed with, now, and hereafter.”

On motion, it was resolved, that the standing hours of meeting and adjournment, be as follow, namely:

Meeting in the morning, at 9 o'clock, adjourn at half past 12, and meet again in the afternoon at half past 2 o'clock.

Adjourned till 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Closed with prayer.

Thursday, May 28.

The moderator having preached last evening from 1 Cor. iv. 1, “Moreover it is required, &c.”—The Synod this day met, and was opened with prayer by the moderator. Members present as above, together with Mr. John Adams, minister of the Presbytery of Philadelphia; James Wallace, minister of the Presbytery of Miami; and Dr. David Martin, ruling elder of the Presbytery of Albany.

The minutes of last sitting were read and approved.

Mr. Kendall was chosen moderator.

After a recess of ten minutes, the following standing committees were appointed, namely:

*Committee of Supplies*—Messrs. D. Gordon, Martin, Smart, Templeton, Hindman, Hanna, Goodwillie, M·Elwee, and Wallace.

*Committee of Bills and Overtures*—Dr. Ramsay, and Messrs. A. Anderson and Martin.

*Committee on the Funds*—Messrs. Hanna, Young and Easton.

*Committee on the Theological Seminary*—Dr. Ramsay and Messrs. A. Gordon and Walker.

*Committee on Appeals*—Dr. Beveridge, and Messrs. Miller and Hanna.

*Committee on Missions*—Messrs. A. Anderson, Wallace and Cooper.

*Committee to Transcribe the Minutes*—Messrs. Easton and D. Gordon.

Papers being called for, the following were given in and read, namely:

No. 1. Report of the Presbytery of Allegheny, which was, on motion, referred to the Committee of Supplies.

*Report of the Presbytery of Allegheny.*

To the Associate Synod of North America, to meet at Baltimore, 4th Wednesday of May, 1840.

A few changes have taken place in the congregations since last meeting of Synod. At a meeting of Presbytery, held at Conemaugh, July last, the pastoral relation existing between that congregation and Mr. Blair was dissolved. At a subsequent meeting held in September, the pastoral relation existing between Mr. Galbraith and the congregation of Warren was also dissolved: these two congregations have united in petitioning Presbytery for the moderation of a call, which has been granted. At a meeting in April last, Mr. Hindman tendered his resignation of Concord congregation, which was accepted: and the congregation of Lower Piney, having petitioned for part of his time, it was granted, and he assumed the pastoral charge thereof in connexion with the remaining branches of his former charge. The supply granted us by Synod, last year, was received, with the exception of Mr. Samuel McLean, who neither came nor forwarded any excuse for non-fulfilment of appointments. According to the direction of Synod, we appointed a committee to examine the "draft of the Book of Discipline," but they were not ready to report at our last meeting. Presbytery request a liberal share of the supply granted by Synod for the ensuing year.

JAMES RODGERS, Moderator.

No. 2. Report of the Presbytery of Indiana, which was, on motion, referred to the Committee of Missions and Supplies.

*Carmel, May 7, 1840.*

To the Associate Synod of North America, to convene at Baltimore on the 27th instant—

DEAR BRETHREN—We are sorry to state, that owing to peculiar circumstances, afflictive and pecuniary, it is altogether impracticable for any of our number to attend the present meeting of Synod. We think it expedient, however, to forward a report of our present condition; stating also the more important ecclesiastical matters which have transpired among us during the past year.

*Report of the Associate Presbytery of Indiana.*

In presenting this, our annual report, to Synod, we have reason to record the loving-kindness of Zion's King, for the harmony and good order which still prevail in this portion of his heritage. Since our last, we have been deprived of the labours of Mr. Hall. As was anticipated at your last meeting, Mr. Hall gave in to Presbytery, June 26, the resignation of his charge, which being accepted, these congregations have been added to our list of vacancies. At the same meeting, Mr. James A. Brown having delivered, (to the entire satisfaction of Presbytery,) the usual pieces of trial required of candidates for license, and acquitted himself satisfactorily in every part of his examination, was licensed to preach the everlasting gospel, and for a short time laboured with great acceptance in our bounds. We have also been highly favoured with some additional ministerial aid. Mr. Laughead having accepted (through the Miami Presbytery) the call from Bloomington, and delivered with approbation the usual probationary exercises, was, on the 14th of November, 1839, solemnly ordained to the office of the ministry, and installed pastor of the Associate congregation of Bloomington. Mr. John L. McLean, who accepted, at your last meeting, a call from the united Associate congregations of Princeton and Midway, having also delivered the usual exercises, was, on the 22d of November, ordained to the office of the ministry, and installed pastor of said congregations. Two new congregations have been organized within our bounds, one in Laporte county, the other in Washington county, near New Philadelphia. Petitions have also been received from other parts of the State, earnestly praying for supply of gospel ordinances. The name of the congregation under the pastoral care of Mr. Dickson has, by request, been changed from Racoon to Portland. We are sorry to state farther, that there has been almost a total failure on the part of the supply allotted us last spring. Mr. Templeton, indeed, passed through the north of the state, and preached one or two Sabbaths, but neither Mr. Walker nor Mr. Imbrie have appeared in our bounds. Owing to this almost entire failure of supply during the past year, the scattered condition of our congregations, settled and vacant, and their weakness (being for the most part new settlers and in moderate circumstances,) Presbytery deem it their duty as well as privilege, to ask some aid of Synod, for the year ensuing. We feel persuaded, that if the members of our church in older and wealthier settlements only knew the situation of many earnest inquirers after truth, in this western country, they would freely contribute for their aid and cheerfully sustain Synod in sending missionaries amongst us. Under this conviction, therefore, we now humbly petition your reverend body to send us help, to the amount at least of one man's labour during the whole year, which might be

done by sending four individuals, three months each, the expense to be defrayed in part by Synod. We think that the people themselves would at least sustain one half the burden. It may be said, perhaps, that the support required by those weaker vacancies should devolve upon our settled congregations; but it should be remembered, that it requires the utmost exertions on the part of such as have obtained a stated dispensation of ordinances, to support their own pastors. Many individuals with an estate amounting to not more than one or two thousand dollars, are paying an annual stipend of from twenty to thirty dollars, and that in some instances, for one half the time; and how can such be expected to afford much pecuniary aid to their destitute brethren? Providence now appears to be opening a door in many important stations, large towns, and dense settlements, for the introduction of truth, and we are absolutely unable to improve the precious opportunity. We, therefore, ask you to aid us by sending a supply into our bounds, partly at the expense of Synod. This we wish in addition to whatever portion of supply you may think us entitled to as a Presbytery, and we hope you will make as ample provision for us in this respect as possible.

By order of Presbytery.

JAMES DICKSON, *Clerk.*

No. 3. The Report of the Presbytery of Cambridge, which was, on motion, referred to the Committee of Supplies, and also of Bills and Overtures.

*Report of the Associate Presbytery of Cambridge.*

The Associate Presbytery of Cambridge have, in the good providence of God, the happiness of peace among themselves, and a good measure of harmony in sentiment and practice. The congregations under their care now enjoy comparative rest, and it is hoped that they are "edified, and are walking in the fear of the Lord." There is, however, much need of watchfulness, as schismatics are not indolent in sowing discord, nor without influence in their endeavours.

The deposed and excluded members of this Presbytery have made no acknowledgment of their offences, nor shown any disposition to return to their duty.

It appears that the members of the Associate Presbytery of Vermont have, within the past synodical year, joined with and employed Dr. A. Bullions in ministerial services, respecting which a special report will be given in to Synod.

This Presbytery and their vacancies have suffered much during the past year by failure of the appointed supply. Out of sixteen months appointed to them by Synod, they received but five. Messrs. Law and De Freest fulfilled their appointments; Messrs. Hall, Brown, and Hamilton did not appear. Mr. Brown sent an excuse which, perhaps, should justify him, and, moreover, after the time had expired for which he was appointed to the bounds of this Presbytery, he offered to make up his lack of service to them, in part, by an exchange with Mr. Smith; and though the measure failed, the Presbytery have no reason to believe that the failure was on his part. Mr. Hamilton sent no excuse, nor gave any intimation to Presbytery which might have enabled them to meet the disappointment. It is hoped that Synod will require him to give an account of his delinquency. The loss sustained by this Presbytery was, however, happily supplied in part by the very acceptable services of Messrs. D. Anderson and M'Arthur, the former labouring with us about two months, and the latter about one.

The Presbytery still ask for as large a share of Synod's disposable supply as will be consistent with the necessities of other sections of the church under their care. This Presbytery would suggest to Synod the propriety of passing an act requiring probationers and itinerating ministers who may accept calls before their synodical appointments are expired, to fulfil them, or that the Presbyteries, of which they become members, be held responsible to do it. Without this arrangement appointments are rendered uncertain, and vacancies are seriously injured; and the Presbytery which receives the additional member may well afford the supply.

A special report on the Canada vacancies, under the care of this Presbytery, will be laid before Synod.

An appeal by Thomas McCleery, from a decision of this Presbytery, will come before Synod with accompanying papers.

Presbytery have attended to the resolution of Synod, respecting collection for their several funds, but on account of the pressure of the times, less has been done than otherwise might have been expected.

JAMES P. MILLER, *Moderator.*

*Salem, May 13th, 1840.*

No. 4. A special Report of the Presbytery of Cambridge, in relation to the Presbytery of Vermont. This Report was, on motion, referred to a select Committee, consisting of Dr. Ramsay and Messrs. Walker and Templeton.

*Report of the Presbytery of Cambridge, respecting the case of Vermont Presbytery, so far as committed to them by the act of Synod last year.*

By a resolution of Synod, passed May 25th, last year, "The Presbytery of Vermont was suspended from the exercise of Presbyterial authority until next meeting of Synod, and these brethren and all the congregations, settled and vacant, under their oversight, were committed to the care of the Presbytery of Cambridge until next meeting of Synod."

The Presbytery are not certain that the powers intended by the Synod, in this resolution, were correctly understood by them, but as the period for which the oversight of the Vermont ministers and people were committed to them, expires with the meeting of Synod, at which this report will be read, it will not now be important to inquire into the meaning of the resolution, but only to state what has been done in the case. Some time after the meeting of Synod last year, Doctor A. Bullions stated to several persons, belonging to and under the care of the Presbytery of Cambridge, that he was to go and assist the Rev. Wm. Pringle to dispense the sacrament of the Lord's Supper in the congregation of Ryegate, and as Dr. Bullions went, as was commonly understood, to the state of Vermont for that purpose, the Presbytery of Cambridge appointed a committee to ascertain whether Dr. A. Bullions had been actually employed by any member of the Presbytery of Vermont to perform any of the functions of a gospel minister. The following are facts so far obtained by that committee, and which the Presbytery are assured, by responsible persons, are susceptible of proof:—"That Dr. A. Bullions did, last fall, the preceding year, exercise all the functions of the office of a gospel minister at the celebration of the sacrament of the Lord's Supper in the congregation of Ryegate; that both the ministers of that Presbytery countenanced Dr. Bullions in so doing, and took part with him in the public exercises on that occasion; and that a part of the elders and people of the congregations of Ryegate and Barnet also countenanced Dr. Bullions; and that a part of the elders and people of both congregations did not. And that it was commonly reported, that on the Monday after that occasion, or about that time, that the members of that Presbytery met in Presbyterial capacity, and that Dr. A. Bullions did sit and act with them, as a member, at that time; and that the Presbytery of Vermont had held a meeting and transacted Presbyterial business at Barnet on the 18th of July, last year."

Although these facts appear to have been offensive and stumbling to many of the people of these congregations, they so recently came to the certain knowledge of the Presbytery, that nothing could yet be done towards correcting their evil consequences. Hence the case is entirely submitted to Synod.

JAMES P. MILLER, *Moderator.*

Baltimore, May 28th, 1840.

No. 5. The Report of the Presbytery of Albany, which was, on motion, referred to the Committee of Bills and Overtures, and also of Supplies.

*Report of the Presbytery of Albany.*

Nothing of special interest has taken place within the bounds of this Presbytery during the past year. Former causes of dissension being removed, peace and harmony have prevailed. In general, the public ordinances have been respectfully attended. Any change that has taken place has been for the better. In consequence of the aid given by Synod to the second congregation in New York, they have enjoyed constant supply of sermon during the year, and have lately given a call to Mr. Thomas Gilkerson, which has been sustained by the Presbytery. The Presbytery has also sustained a call for the same individual, from the congregation of Johnstown, who have been in a very destitute condition, as respects a supply of public ordinances, since the departure of their former pastor from them. Both these calls are herewith transmitted to Synod with the request that they be presented to Mr. Gilkerson as soon as practicable.

The Synod's fast was duly observed in all our settled congregations.

It is the Presbytery's desire that the new Book of Discipline, if possible, be enacted at the present meeting of Synod; that some effectual measures be adopted towards assisting young men in their preparatory studies for the ministry; that the Presbytery be advised as to the propriety of proceeding to higher censures in the case of their deposed brethren; and also that an adequate supply of preachers be allowed, during the ensuing year, to the Presbytery, for the benefit of its vacancies.

Respectfully submitted by order of Presbytery.

PETER CAMPBELL, *Moderator.*

Baltimore, May 28th, 1840.

No. 6. The Report of the Presbytery of Illinois, which was, on motion, referred to the Committee of Supplies, and on the Funds.



*Report of the Presbytery of Illinois.*

To the Associate Synod, to meet at Baltimore, on the fourth Wednesday of May, 1840.

In presenting this our second annual report to Synod, we have great reason to remember the loving-kindness of the Lord, and his great goodness to this portion of his heritage, manifested, in his putting it into the hearts of many to desire a pure dispensation of Gospel ordinances, and to show a commendable attention to these when they are enjoyed.

Petitions have been presented to Presbytery from persons living in different sections of the country, praying to be supplied with ordinances, and to be organized into congregations. Some of the desired supply has been sent, and three congregations have been organized; but owing to the failure of Messrs. Walker and Imbrie, in fulfilling their appointments in our bounds, many of our vacancies have suffered, being left destitute the whole year, especially the southern ones, to which they were appointed.

A call on Mr. James Templeton, from the congregation of Hennepin, Putnam county, Illinois, has been sustained, and is now in the hands of Presbytery, ready for presentation. As the labours of Mr. Templeton were, to some extent, confined to places, from which no contributions could be expected, there remains due to him a balance of forty-five dollars, which amount Presbytery have agreed to solicit Synod to pay.

Our settled congregations are gradually increasing, and two new stations for preaching, have, during the year, been taken up by Presbytery.

The Synod's fast was observed by our members.

The peculiar location of our vacancies, situated "where Satan's seat is," the loud cries for the bread of life,—the hungering and thirsting after righteousness,—these considerations make it the indispensable duty of Presbytery, to solicit Synod for a greater proportion of ministerial aid, than has heretofore been obtained, and we must state, that if assistance is not received, this part of the church must necessarily suffer.

To accomplish, then, the ends for which our church has, in God's great name, displayed her banner, and that the wilderness and solitary place may be glad, and the desert blossom as the rose,—may the King of Zion pour upon one and all, the Spirit of love, and of a sound mind in the fear of the Lord.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM BRUCE, *Moderator.*

ANDREW RODGERS, *Pres. Clerk.*

No. 7. The Report of the Presbytery of Miami, which was, on motion, referred to the Committee of Supplies, and also to a select Committee consisting of Messrs. Hindman, Smart and McArthur.

*Report of the Presbytery of Miami.*

The general features of the state of religion with us, we believe, are the following

A regular, and in some of our congregations, an increased attendance on ordinances; from which we hope that the Spirit of God remains among us, and we need not fear, though the floods of trouble have lifted up their voice.

An unsettledness and unsteadiness of mind marking the character of many, which gives reason to apprehend that revolutions may be near, and, perhaps, foundations may be destroyed.

The existence in many of our congregations of a spirit of readiness for faction, insubordination, and even violence, by which our peace and comfort are much impaired. We have to lament and complain to Synod, that this spirit appears in the reading and encouraging of that advocate of backsliding, from the truth and resistance of authority—the Associate P. Magazine; and that this is done by some, who have solemnly vowed to follow no divisive course.

In all or nearly all our congregations, an encouraging increase of members, and not the least so in those where disturbance has most prevailed, indicating, as we hope, that the Spirit of the Lord is lifting up a standard against the enemy coming in like a flood, and that our troubles are to be attributed to the envy and rage of Satan.

The facts, that a call from the congregation of Massie's creek had been made out, and accepted by Mr. James P. Smart, were set forth in our last report. On the ninth of July last, he was ordained and installed in the pastoral charge of that congregation. A call has been made out also from the congregation of Sugar creek, for Mr. George M. Hall, and by him accepted. On 25th October last, he was installed in the pastoral charge of that congregation. Thus the desolations of our Zion have been mercifully visited and repaired.

At the same meeting of Presbytery, at which the above was transacted, the congregation of Cherokee petitioned for an increased amount of Mr. James Wallace's



time, and, in order to this, for a dissolution of the connexion between that and the congregation of Darby, and of the pastoral relation of Mr. Wallace to the latter congregation. The petition was granted, and Darby thereby thrown as a vacancy, upon the care of Presbytery.

A call has been made out and sanctioned, from the united congregations of Darby and Sugar run, for Mr. James A. Brown, which, with accompanying papers, we transmit, earnestly hoping Synod will take measures to have it speedily presented for his acceptance. We earnestly solicit as liberal a portion of supply, as is consistent with the claims of other parts of the church. A corrected statistical table accompanies this report.

By order of Presbytery,

GEORGE M. HALL, *Moderator*, P. T.  
S. WILSON, *Clerk*.

May, 1840.

No. 8. The Report of the Presbytery of Muskingum, which was, on motion, referred to the Committee of Supplies.

*Report of the Presbytery of Muskingum.*

We have but little of general interest to report to this meeting of Synod. Our congregations, settled and vacant, continue the same as formerly reported, except that two new congregations have been recently organized, and are now to be placed on the list of our vacancies. This will increase, to some extent, our demand for supply, and as we have had but a very limited portion of the Synod's disposable aid for the last year, we hope a more liberal allowance will be made us for the time to come. The names of the new congregations are Westchester and New Washington.

We have examined and admitted to the study of theology four students: namely, Jacob Fisher, John Marshall, Joseph M. Clintock, and John Scott, all of whom attended the Theological Seminary last session.

A protest and appeal has been taken by one of our members against a decision of this Presbytery, which, together with the accompanying papers, will be laid before Synod in due time.

Respectfully submitted by order of Presbytery,

THOMAS HANNA, *Presbytery's Clerk*.

No. 9. The Report of the Board of Managers of the Theological Seminary, which was, on motion, referred to the Committee on the Theological Seminary.

*Report of the Board of Managers of the Theological Seminary.*

On the 25th of March last, the Board met according to adjournment. By the report of the professors, it appeared that the following named students attended during the last session: namely, Messrs. John Bryan, John M. French, Isaac Law, Daniel H. A. McLean, Archibald Reid, and George C. Vincent of the fourth year, Messrs. Ambrose Barcroft, David Bullions, Wm. J. Cleland, James R. Doig, James W. Logue, John Todd, and Thomas B. Walker of the third year. Messrs. Titus Bassfield, Robert J. Hammond, and B. F. Sawyer of the second year. Messrs. William Cunningham, Jacob Fisher, John Marshall, Joseph M. Clintock, John Scott, and Thomas Simpson of the first year.

The usual course of examination was attended to, and discourses were delivered by all the students of the second, third, and fourth years, excepting one who was excused on account of indisposition. These specimens of improvement in theological attainments, were in a high degree gratifying to the Board.

Those students who have completed the full term of study were examined separately on the distinguishing principles of our profession, and having given entire satisfaction, are hereby recommended to Synod to be taken on trial for license.

A very liberal donation, amounting to two hundred and fifty dollars, was received from an individual belonging to our communion, for the aid of Theological students, which was appropriated by the Board according to the directions of the donor. Before closing this report, the Board would suggest to Synod the propriety of changing the time of our meeting to the 3d Tuesday, instead of the 4th Wednesday of March. The present arrangement interferes with the meeting of the Board of several colleges, and some of our members are also trustees of some of those colleges.

By order of the Board,

THOMAS HANNA, *Secretary*.

P. S. The term of service of Messrs. Clokey and B. Boyd expires at this meeting of Synod.

T. HANNA.

No. 10. The Report of the Presbytery of Stamford, which was, on motion, referred to the Committee of Supplies, and on the Funds.

*Report of the Presbytery of Stamford.*

The supply assigned to us was not enjoyed. Our vacancies have had no sermon by appointment of Synod for more than eighteen months. Why this has been, Synod will doubtless know. Synod have not thought fit, it appears, to give us authority to retain the collections made for their funds, agreeably to a suggestion in our last report. Considering the silence of Synod as a tacit intimation that our retaining of these would not be acceptable to Synod, we forward, by Mr. William S. Young, Bookseller, Philadelphia, the sum of fifteen dollars, thirty-seven and a half cents; a collection from the congregation of Dumfries for 1839; and the sum of fourteen dollars, sixty-four cents, from Dumfries congregation for 1840: also from the congregation of York and Covington, New York, thirteen dollars, fifty cents, for 1839; and from the congregation of Stamford, ten dollars, for 1839: total fifty-three dollars, fifty-one and a half cents.

We transmit with this our report, an extract from the minutes of last meeting, accompanied with our remonstrance and petition against the procedure of Synod, in relation to a memorial received by Synod, against us and the session of Dumfries; as also a narrative subjoined to our remonstrance and petition, for the information of Synod, with regard to the memorialists and their "commissioner." From these papers, Synod will perceive that we excuse ourselves from being present at meeting of Synod, for the most weighty reasons. We have no doubt that these reasons will be sustained. We confidently hope that Synod will suffer no injustice to be done, nor illiberality to be shown to us in supply of preachers, of which we feel an urgent distressing want.

A day of fasting was observed, generally, in our congregations, not literally a Synod's fast, but in the spirit of Synod's injunction.

JOHN RUSSELL, *Moderator.*

No. 11. Papers from the above Presbytery, containing extracts from their minutes, relative to the proceedings of Synod last year in their case, and remonstrating against said procedure.—After some progress made in reading, an objection to the continuance of the reading was interposed, and the following resolution adopted, namely:

"Resolved, that the farther reading of the remonstrance from the Presbytery of Stamford be suspended, on account of its improper language, and referred to a committee to report on the same. Messrs. Wallace, Webster, and McElwee, were appointed said committee.

The Synod proceeded to hear a narrative of the facts of the above case, transmitted by said Presbytery. After some progress made, the Moderator decided the paper to be inadmissible, on account of its indecorous language, the paper was then, on motion, referred to the same committee to which the remonstrance had been referred, as related above.

On motion, it was resolved, that the extracts from the minutes of the Presbytery of Stamford in relation to the above case, with all the other papers relative to it, be referred to the same committee.

On motion, Mr. W. S. Young was appointed treasurer pro tem.

A communication from Mr. James Reid, Executor of the legacy of Mr. Smith, late of Hebron, was read, informing Synod, that he had according to their advice of last year effected a compromise in relation to the above legacy. On motion, the compromise was sanctioned by the Synod.

Adjourned till the usual hour.

Closed with prayer.

Half past 2, P. M.

The Synod met, and was opened with prayer. Members present as above. The minutes of the forenoon sitting were read, corrected and approved.

The Report of the select committee on the special report of the Presbytery of Cambridge, respecting the Presbytery of Vermont, was read, and, on motion, laid on the table.

Papers being called for, there were given in and read,

No. 12. A petition from Madison, Indiana, praying for an increased amount of supply, and for pecuniary aid in defraying the expense. This petition was, on motion, referred to the Committee on Missions and on the Funds.

No. 13. A call from Tuscaloosa, for Rev. Thomas S. Kendall. This call was, on motion, referred to the Presbytery of Miami, and the brethren of said Presbytery present were appointed to meet as soon as practicable.

No. 14. Extracts from the minutes of the Presbytery of Muskingum, with certain papers connected with an appeal taken by Rev. Joseph Clokey from a decision of said Presbytery, adopting certain resolutions in the case of Joseph McNary. After some progress made, it was, on motion, resolved, that the farther reading of these papers be suspended for the present, and that they be referred to the Committee of Appeals. Mr. Hanna was, at his own request, excused from serving on the committee in this case, and Mr. Smart appointed in his place.

During the discussion on the above papers, Rev. J. Scroggs, of the Presbytery of Allegheny, appeared and took his seat.

No. 15. A petition from certain subscribers residing in and about Canonsburgh, praying that the Synod would grant liberty for the Anti-Slavery Society to hold meetings in the Hall of the Theological Seminary.

No. 16. A representation and remonstrance by Mr. M. McNary, against a decision of the board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary, refusing to grant liberty to the Anti-Slavery Society to hold its meetings as above: both these papers were, on motion, laid on the table.

No. 17. Reasons of protest by Mr. Thomas McCleery against a decision of the Presbytery of Cambridge, in his case, together with the Presbytery's answers to said reasons, were given in, and, on motion, referred without reading, to the Committee of Appeals.

No. 18. The Report of the Presbytery of Richland, which was, on motion, referred to the Committee on the Funds and of Supplies.

*Report of the Presbytery of Richland.*

In presenting our second annual report to Synod, we have to acknowledge the goodness of God, manifested to us during the past year. The unoccupied part of Mr. Hindman's time has been received by North Washington congregation. A new branch has been organized, called Red Haw, which, in connexion with Clear creek and Killbuck, has obtained the pastoral labours of Mr. Law. On the 13th instant, Mr. Law, after giving the usual probationary exercises, to the satisfaction of Presbytery, was ordained and installed as pastor of said congregation. The supply allotted, was nearly all received, and though the demand is not so great as usual, in our bounds, having but two small vacancies, yet we hope to receive a due proportion of supply. Presbytery think it necessary to call the attention of Synod to the following subject:

Some years since Mr. Hindman was sent on a mission to Canada, and though a pledge was given by Synod that his pulpit should be supplied during his absence, yet, nearly the whole time, the different branches of his congregation were left vacant, to their manifest injury. The congregation of Clear creek, being required by Presbytery to settle the whole amount of their regular salary with Mr. Hindman, before the installation of Mr. Law, complained to Presbytery on the subject of lost time. Has Clear creek congregation a claim upon Synod, for their amount of lost time? The amount of time lost to the congregation, was four Sabbaths.—The Synodical fast was generally observed in our bounds.—A corrected statistical table accompanies this report.

Respectfully submitted, by order of Presbytery.

JOSEPH M'KEE, *Clerk.*

The committee appointed last year to draught an answer to the letter of the Associate Synod of Original Seceders, presented a draught, which was read, and, on motion, laid on the table for a second reading.

No. 19. A Memorial on the practice of trafficking in ardent spirits, signed "Andrew Martin." This Memorial was, on motion, referred to the Committee of Bills and Overtures.

No. 20. A Report on the Lower Canada Mission, by Rev. D. Gordon. This Report was, on motion, referred to the Committee on Missions.

To the reverend, the Associate Synod of North America, to meet in Baltimore, May 27, 1840.

The subscriber, (though not appointed immediately by Synod,) having twice within the last year, visited the Lower Canada vacancies, which have been set off as Missionary ground, would beg leave to lay before Synod the following brief view of their case.

Two of these congregations were organized in 1836, and consisted of twenty-three and twenty-five members respectively, the third was organized in 1837, and consisted of thirty members; here and in one of the other places there was also a fair prospect of increase. Judging from visible circumstances, there can be no doubt that if these vacancies had received the attention bestowed on some, the fruit would have been equal to that of any portion of the church. But their lot has been different, for though the scale of appointments seems to give them a reasonable proportion, the whole amount actually received will average only about two Sabbaths in the year to each place, and even including what Cambridge Presbytery has been able to afford them, it is very little more than four Sabbaths each in the year.

The appointment of Synod last year was particularly liberal, and it was hoped it would be a refreshing and strengthening of that part of the weary heritage, but alas, it proved only a more severe disappointment than they had ever before experienced, by the utter failure of the whole; so that with the exception of a few Sabbaths by the subscriber, they have not had one day's preaching since 1838. It is unnecessary to say, they are discouraged, at least some of them; and when we add to the above discouragements, their unavoidable participation in the disturbances of the country, it is rather surprising that they still exist as congregations. Yet they do exist: they have had a little of the common experience, changes by death, removals, very few by defection; they have also had some additions, so that there is little variation of their former number; praying societies are supported in them all, more or less punctually; their desire for supply of preaching is unabated: they also show their willingness to contribute according to their ability, for the support of ordinances.

In one of these congregations, they have a house for public worship, and in another, they have lately shown a commendable activity for the obtaining of one, which is now, by a little assistance from brethren in other parts of the church, in a hopeful state of progress.

If there were a plentiful measure of supply afforded them, there would still be considerable hope of increase; but if they are to be furnished as heretofore, they must decay; it cannot possibly be otherwise.

Synod is therefore earnestly entreated to take their case into special consideration, and adopt some more efficient measures than hitherto.

When a people have been brought under the solemn obligations of a profession, the church is brought under a corresponding obligation to supply them to the utmost of her power, with a dispensation of ordinances according to that profession; and to neglect a people after they have been thus gathered, is a far greater evil, than seems generally acknowledged.

I would not say that Synod has neglected them, but certainly the amount of supply actually received, has been no more than tantalizing them. The following suggestions are respectfully offered for the consideration of Synod.

1. That Synod establish a missionary there permanently, that is, at least not to remove one, till another is ready to fill the place.

Many arguments might be offered in behalf of this plan; it would be incomparably better for the vacancies, far less laborious and expensive for the preacher, it is the method of other bodies by which our vacancies are surrounded, and which gives them a decided advantage; and if we expect to effect any thing by missionary operations, something of the kind is indispensable. It need hardly be remarked, that the permanent missionary ought to be an ordained minister, and furnished with some supply of means for efficiently carrying on the work.

2. That such only be appointed as voluntarily offer themselves for that service. Let preachers have an opportunity of reporting themselves to Synod, or let students

previous to license have an opportunity of giving in their names for that purpose. This is the method of those denominations who have carried on missions with the greatest success; it was formerly the practice in the Associate church in Scotland; and, of the many arguments that might be advanced, this one is sufficient to recommend it, that it would afford some pledge for the fulfilment of the appointment, whereas at present there is none. The nonfulfilment of appointments is so common, and so easily excused that we can form no calculation on the printed scale; if one, two, or six months supply are there allotted, it is still perfectly uncertain whether one day will be actually received.

The whole amount of supply from Synod intended for Lower Canada vacancies since their organization, is about fifteen months, of which eight months or more than one half, has failed; and whatever may have been the intrinsic value of any excuses offered, there can be no doubt that reluctance to that service added mightily to their weight. I shall not here dwell in commenting on such a fact, but only pray Synod to take measures for preventing the ruinous consequences of it in future.

I may observe in conclusion, that if your permanent missionary in Lower Canada, shall be as active and industrious in embracing the means of obtaining a support, and at the same time, of promoting his main object, as those in foreign countries are generally represented to be, his continuance need be no burden either to Synod or himself: there are in our congregations, more than one opportunity of teaching the young, which, if not a very lucrative employment, would be an excellent auxiliary to the missionary work.

Respectfully submitted by

D. GORDON.

On motion, resolved, that a part of to-morrow forenoon sitting be spent in religious exercises, and Messrs. D. Anderson, and Cooper were appointed to lead in these exercises.

Dr. Thomas Miller, ruling elder from the Presbytery of Muskingum, appeared and took his seat.

The Synod proceeded to the consideration of the Draught of a Book of Discipline. The first and second Chapters of the Draught were read, and on motion adopted. The third chapter was read, and certain amendments proposed and adopted. The second section of said chapter being under consideration, Dr. Beveridge and Mr. A. Gordon requested their dissent to be marked from the Synod's decision, approving the language of that section on the principle of representation.

On motion, adjourned till the usual hour to-morrow morning. Closed with prayer.

#### *Friday, May 29th.*

After the religious exercises of the morning, the Synod met, and was opened with prayer, members present as above. The minutes of last sitting were read, corrected, and approved.

On motion, Mr. Scroggs was added to the Committee of Supplies.

Papers being called for, there were given in, and read,

No. 21. Protests of the Presbytery of Vermont against the Synod's decisions of last year in their case. This paper was, on motion, referred to a select committee, consisting of Messrs. A. Anderson, McNaughton, and Hanna.

No. 22. A Representation from the Presbytery of the Carolinas, in reference to the deed of Synod of last year on the subject of slavery, and containing said Presbytery's declination of the fellowship of this Synod. Before disposing of this paper, the Synod adjourned till the usual hour. Closed with prayer.

#### *Half past 2, P. M.*

The Synod met and was opened with prayer. Members present as above. The minutes of the forenoon sitting were read and approved. The Synod proceeded to the consideration of the paper from the Presbytery of the Carolinas, read at the close of the forenoon sitting. On this subject, certain resolutions were offered, and



amendments proposed. During the discussion of these resolutions, Mr. James Wilson, ruling elder from the Presbytery of Philadelphia, appeared and took his seat.

The committee in the case of the Presbytery of Stamford, requested and obtained leave to withdraw for the remainder of the present sitting.

The proceedings relative to the subject under discussion were, on motion, suspended, to make way for the reading of a Memorial from Bethany Congregation, North Carolina, protesting against the Synod's deeds on the subject of slavery.

The subject was then resumed, and after a free discussion, it was, on motion, resolved, that a committee be appointed to whom the several motions and amendments offered on the paper purporting to be from the Carolina Presbytery, shall be referred, to mature a report as soon as possible. Messrs. Miller, A. Anderson, and Templeton were appointed said committee.

Papers being called for, there were given in and read,

No. 23. The Report of the Presbytery of Chartiers, which was, on motion, referred to the Committee of Supplies.

*Report of the Associate Presbytery of Chartiers.*

Since the last meeting of Synod, it has pleased Providence to remove from among us the Rev. Thomas Allison. He departed this life suddenly, on the sixth of April last, in the 69th year of his age, and 40th of his ministry. The Synod will no doubt sympathize with us, in the removal of one whose services were so valuable as a minister and member of church courts, until his faculties were impaired by the infirmities of age. Mr. Thomas Gilkerson was licensed to preach about the beginning of July. Mr. William H. Walker, having accepted a call to the Associate congregation of Ohio, has been ordained to the ministry, and pastoral care of said congregation. Calls have been moderated in the congregations of Peter's creek and Noblestown, for Mr. James A. Brown. These have been sustained, and are forwarded to Synod for presentation, or such other disposal of them as may be judged proper. The Synod's fast was observed in all our settled congregations, and also in some of our vacancies. The Presbytery have also endeavoured to carry into effect the order of Synod in respect to the raising of funds, but we fear this effort will not be found to have been attended with general success.

At our last meeting, the congregations of Burgetstown and Mount Pleasant were disannexed, and the whole time of the Rev. Mr. Donnan is to be henceforth confined to the latter. The former congregation is, therefore, to be added to the list of our vacancies.

JAMES RAMSAY, Clerk.

No. 24. The Report of the Presbytery of Philadelphia, which was, on motion, referred to the Committee of Bills and Overtures, and also of Supplies.

*Report of the Associate Presbytery of Philadelphia.*

To the Associate Synod of North America, to meet in Baltimore the fourth Wednesday of May, 1840.

We have great reason to praise the Lord for his goodness in enabling us, amid much outward opposition, faithfully to continue witnessing for the truth as it is in Jesus. We would bless and magnify his name for the good measure of success which has attended the announcement of his truths, in establishing and building up his cause in our midst. We have farther great reason humbly and thankfully to praise the Lord for outward harmony and peace amongst us.

Since our last report to Synod, Rev. Joseph T. Cooper has been ordained to the office of the holy ministry, and installed Pastor of the Second Associate Congregation of Philadelphia, on the 25th of September last.

Mr. Smith, appointed by Synod to this Presbytery, to be taken on trials for license, after the customary exercises and examination was licensed to preach the everlasting Gospel on the 10th of July.

At a meeting of Presbytery in Philadelphia on October 30th, 1839, Rev. David Anderson, from the United Secession Church in Scotland, after preaching before Presbytery, and giving his cordial approbation of our principles, was, by a unanimous vote, admitted to ministerial fellowship amongst us, and has since, for a considerable portion of the time, been supplying with great acceptance in our vacan-



cies. At the same meeting Mr. Thomas R. Simpson was admitted as a student of theology.

The report of the Presbytery to the committee on the Book of Discipline, has, according to order of Synod, been transmitted to said committee. The Rev. Samuel McLean's excuse for non-fulfilment of his appointment in Illinois was sustained, but not for his failure to supply in the Presbytery of Richland. Presbytery have agreed to establish a student's fund under their immediate care, and would respectfully suggest that Synod recommend to each Presbytery a similar plan. This is not designed to interfere with any existing arrangement made by Synod. We have unusual reason to solicit for the ensuing year as liberal a portion of supply as may be at the disposal of Synod, and consistent with the claims of other sections of the churches. From several new places, applications have been made for supply of preaching.

Synod's fast was observed as far as ascertained.

We would solicit the appointment, by Synod, of a committee to address suitable directions to our people for the right observance of days of fasting and humiliation.

Also, a committee to explain the duty of persons belonging to our communion, who may be called in Providence to reside in destitute places, where they are deprived of Gospel ordinances as dispensed by us. In closing we would earnestly suggest the propriety of Synod urging, by a particular call, upon all the people under their charge, the duty of more frequent and earnest prayer for the promotion of our religious principles. If worthy of professing and witnessing for, ought we not to show our love to the God who revealed them, to precious souls endangered by their neglect, in earnest pleadings with the God of truth on their behalf—that the word of the Lord may have free course and be glorified abundantly, that our ministers and people may be found living to his glory, labouring in his service, and looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of the great God, even our Saviour Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people zealous of good works.

By order of Presbytery,

JOSEPH T. COOPER, Moderator.

JOHN G. SMART, Clerk pro tem.

The following preamble and resolution were offered, viz.

Whereas, it has been intimated by a member of the Presbytery of Charters, that they permitted Mr. A. Wilson, one of their members, to forsake his profession, without the Presbytery taking any notice of him for so doing, the Synod therefore order said Presbytery to appear at their bar at next meeting, to answer for the same, and that the Clerk be ordered to notify them accordingly.

Before taking any order on the above preamble and resolution, the Synod adjourned till the usual hour to-morrow morning. Closed with prayer.

*Saturday, May 30th.*

The Synod met, and was opened with prayer. Members present as above. The minutes of last sitting were read and approved.

Papers being called for, the following were given in and read, viz:

No. 25. A communication from Mr. D. Christy, of Oxford, Ohio, in reference to the establishment of a Calvinistic Book Concern. This communication was, on motion, referred to a select committee, consisting of Messrs. Scroggs, Cooper, and Young.

No. 26. A Memorial from a Committee of the Session of Carmel, Indiana, on the subject of Occasional Hearing. This Memorial was, on motion, laid on the table for the present.

No. 27. A Memorial from the united congregations of Timber Ridge, Ebenezer, and Old Providence, Va. remonstrating against the Synod's deeds on the subject of slavery.

No. 28. A Declinature of the congregations of Neiley's Creek, and Steel Creek, on account of the Synod's action on the subject of slavery. Both these papers were, on motion, laid on the table.

No. 29. A Memorial from the Session of Caesar's Creek, requesting the correction of a mistake in the printed minutes, respecting their

memorial of last year, on the subject of Occasional Hearing. Said Memorial was, on motion, referred to a select committee, consisting of Messrs. M'Elwee, D. Gordon, and M'Arthur.

No. 30. A communication from the Trustees of the Theological Seminary, assigning reasons for their refusal of the use of the Seminary buildings to the Colonization and Anti-Slavery Societies, which, with the accompanying documents, was, on motion, laid on the table.

No. 31. A communication from a committee of the Convention of Reformed Churches, transmitting a copy of the proceedings of said Convention, and inviting the co-operation of this Synod. This communication was, on motion, referred to a select committee, consisting of Messrs. Martin, A. Gordon, and Law.

No. 32. A petition from the Congregations of Salem, Pistol Creek, and Big Spring, praying for one year's stated supply of Gospel ordinances.

A verbal petition was also presented, from Limestone, Washington Co. Tenn., praying for supply. Both these petitions were, on motion, referred to the Committee of Supplies.

According to the standing rule, Synod proceeded to the nomination of members of the Board of Managers of the Theological Seminary, in the room of Messrs. Clokey and Boyd, whose term of service has expired, Messrs. M'Elwee, Clokey, B. Boyd, M'Arthur, and Wm. H. Walker were put in nomination.

The select committee appointed last evening, in relation to the paper from the Presbytery of the Carolinas, presented a report, which was adopted, as follows, viz.

"Whereas it appears from a communication yesterday laid on the table of Synod from the Presbytery of the Carolinas, signed by order of Presbytery, A. Whyte, Moderator, that at least the ministerial members of that Presbytery, viz. the Rev. Messrs. A. Whyte and H. Thompson, have declined the authority and the fellowship of the Associate Church, on account of the Synod's action relative to slavery—therefore resolved, that these brethren be immediately dealt with for their falling away from the fellowship of the church, and from their profession."

The Synod then resolved themselves into a committee of the whole, Mr. A. Anderson in the chair. In accordance with the above resolution the brethren of the Presbytery of the Carolinas were dealt with at some length. When the committee rose, the chairman reported that they had made no progress in the attainment of the object for which the committee met. The following resolution, then, reported by the select committee, was read, and after a brief discussion, adopted by the following vote, a brother having been previously engaged in prayer. Yeas, 28; Nays, 4; Non liquet, 5.

"Whereas, Synod in committee have not succeeded in inducing the brethren of the Presbytery of the Carolinas to withdraw their declinature, therefore resolved, That as Rev. A. Whyte, jr. and Rev. H. Thompson, members of the Presbytery of the Carolinas, have declined the authority and fellowship of the Associate Church, they be suspended from the exercise of the office of the ministry, and the fellowship of the church, until they acknowledge their sin, and return to their duty.

In pursuance of the above resolution, the sentence of suspension was then pronounced.

Mr. James Geery, ruling elder from the Presbytery of Albany, being present, was invited to a seat. Adjourned till the usual hour. Closed with prayer.

*Half past 2 o'clock, P. M.*

The Synod met and was opened with prayer. Members present as above. The reading of the minutes of the forenoon sitting was, on motion, dispensed with, as the Clerk had not had leisure to write them fully out.

The calls reported by the Presbyteries of Chartiers and Miami for Mr. James A. Brown were, on motion, transmitted to the Presbytery of Miami for presentation.

The calls for Mr. Gilkerson were, on motion, transmitted for presentation to the Presbytery of Chartiers.

Papers being called for, there were given in and read,

No. 33. The report of D. Houston, Treasurer—and

No. 34. The report of D. Murphy, Assistant Treasurer both of which were, on motion, referred to the Committee of the Funds.

*Daniel Houston, Treasurer, in account with Associate Synod.*

		Dr.	Contra.
	To balance in Treasury, as per report to Synod, 1839. -	\$5,141.26 $\frac{1}{4}$	By payments as per account. 1,699.20 $\frac{3}{4}$
1839.			1840.
May 31,			May 23, Balance in Treasurer's hand. - - - -
	To cash received from New Buffalo congregation, contrib. - -	9.10	- 7,005.49 $\frac{1}{4}$
June 4,	To cash received from Deer creek congregation, contrib. - -	7.10	The above is a correct account of Synod's Funds in my hands.
July 2,	To cash, from interest. 3.00		DANIEL HOUSTON,
31, do. do. do.	24.00		Treasurer.
Sep. 25, do. do. do.	10.00		23, Cash, contribution from King's creek cong. -
25, Cash from Service cong. contrib. - - - -	4.50		10.00
Oct. 8, Cash, interest on Miss Moore's Legacy. -	2.00		23, Cash, contribution from Service cong. - - -
18, Cash from first congregation in Philadelphia, [from two quarterly collections.] -	20.01		5.50
Nov. 6, Cash, from interest. -	33.00		23, Cash, donation from Mrs. Isabella Taggart, of Wooster. - -
1840.			1.00
Mar. 9, Cash, from interest. - -	118.50		23, Cash, contribution from Rev. S. Hindman's congregation. - - -
Ap. 14, Cash from W. Anderson, rent of seminary. 100.00			8.52 $\frac{1}{4}$
April 1. Cash, interest from Treasurer on Erie land. 184.80			\$7,030.51 $\frac{3}{4}$
May 14, Cash contrib. from S. Buffalo cong. - - -	8.00		
14, Cash, contrib. from Deer creek congregation. 5.50			The last four items of cash were received after the report was closed, and now added to report.
18, Cash, contribution from Chartiers cong. - -	22.88 $\frac{1}{4}$		DANIEL HOUSTON.
18, Cash, contribution from North Buffalo cong. 10.04 $\frac{1}{2}$			Contra. Cr.
19. Cash, interest on Margaret Moore's Legacy. - - - -	1.00		By error corrected in report of May, 1839. 10.00
	\$8,704.70		1839.
			By cash paid sexton for Synod, 1839, per order of Synod. - - -
			20.00
			June 4. Cash paid Rev. W. M. McElwee, order of Synod. - - - -
			16.40
			4, Cash paid postage to Rev. A. Heron. - -
			1.87 $\frac{1}{2}$
			4, Cash paid Rev. James Law, order of Synod. 15.00

14, Cash paid W. S. Young, order of Synod, [for printing and binding 1,000 Psalm Books.]	260.00	29, Cash paid Rev. T. Be- veridge, salary. - -	100.00
14, Premium on Eastern draft, for W. S. Young.	2.12½	Feb. 3, Cash paid, postage.	38¼
17, Cash paid Rev. John M'Lean. - - - -	14.00	Mar. 7, Cash paid, expenses of Treasurer to Car- lisle. - - - - -	50.00
July, Postage paid. - - -	37½	30, Cash paid, postage. -	18¾
Sept. 6, Cash paid, school tax. -	6.92	April 14, Cash paid for coal for Seminary. - - - -	3.85
Oct. 3, Cash paid W. S. Young, per order, [printing and binding 2,000 copies of the Associ- ate Testimony.] - -	390.00	14, Cash paid for student's room, rent, &c. - -	91.50
3, Premium on eastern draft.	3.90	May 9, Cash paid, postage. -	37½
8, Spurious note returned by Rev. A. Heron. -	5.00	13, Cash paid J. M. Smith for door handles. -	4.00
Nov. 1, Cash paid Rev. T. Beve- ridge, salary. - -	250.00	14, Cash paid Rev. J. Ram- say, salary in full.	200.00
Cash paid, postage, -	1.12½	14, Cash paid Rev. T. Be- veridge, salary in full.	150.00
1840.		14, Cash paid Sam'l Small, repairs on Seminary doors. - - - - -	1.75
Jan. 29, Cash paid, postage. -	18¾	16, Cash paid, postage on Mr. Stodard's letter.	25
29, Cash paid Rev. J. Ram- say, salary. - - -	100.00		
			\$1,699.20½

*Canonsburgh, May 15, 1840.*

The undersigned having been appointed by the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary to audit the accounts of the Treasurer, report that they have attended to the duty assigned them, and find the accounts correct, up to the present date. The amount in the hands of the Treasurer, as exhibited by his books, is seven thousand thirty dollars, fifty-one and three-fourth cents. The amount loaned and disbursed somewhat exceeds the above sum.

THOMAS PEVERIDGE,  
D. S. STEVENSON.

*Associate Synod in account with Daniel Murphy, Assistant Treasurer.*

1839-40.	Dr.	Cr.	
To cash paid the Rev. D. R. De Freest, the Rev. T. Gilkerson, and the Rev. Wm. Smith, for ministe- rial labour in the city of New York. . . . .	\$246.00	By balance in Treasury, as per report of May 16th, 1839. . . . .	\$478.09½
1839.		1840.	
Dec. 3. To cash paid for Books for the Theological Se- minary. . . . .	100.00	May 22. By cash for student's fund, from one year's dividend on Commer- cial Bank stock. . . .	66.00
	\$346.00		\$514.09½
			346.00
		Balance. . . . .	\$198.09½

The above report, with the accompanying vouchers, is respectfully submitted.

DANIEL MURPHY, *Assistant Treasurer.*

The Committee of Appeals reported on the appeal of Thomas M'Cleery from a decision of the Presbytery of Cambridge in his case. The report was, on motion, adopted, as follows, namely,

"The Committee of Appeals report on the appeal of Mr. M'Cleery from a decision of the Presbytery of Cambridge, that the appeal appears to come regularly before the Synod, except that no extracts of minutes are furnished. It is recommended, however, that the case be issued by Synod."

The next meeting of Synod was appointed to be held at Washington, Pa. on the 4th Wednesday of May next at 4 o'clock,—Sermon at 2 P. M.

On motion, Mr. John S. Easton was appointed the Moderator's alternate, to preach the synodical sermon.

The following preamble and resolution were offered and accepted, namely,

“Whereas it is both troublesome and expensive to ministers who have been travelling for several years to take appointments to many different Presbyteries, resolved that the Committee of Supplies be directed to assign such as have been engaged in itinerating for a number of years to such particular Presbyteries as it may be thought will be most convenient, and that these Presbyteries be instructed to give them such employment in the ministry, as the circumstances of their vacancies and of these preachers may render expedient.”

From the decision adopting the above resolution Mr. Hindman dissented, for reasons to be given in.

Entered upon the consideration of the appeal of Thomas M'Cleery from a decision of the Presbytery of Cambridge in his case.

The reasons of protest, with the Presbytery's answers, and extracts of minutes were read, and the appellant heard in part.

Dr. D. Martin asked and obtained leave of absence during the remaining sittings of Synod. Adjourned till 9 o'clock on Monday morning. Closed with prayer.

*Monday, June 1.*

The Synod met, and was opened with prayer. Members present as above. The minutes of the sitting of Saturday were read, corrected, and approved.

The committee appointed on the Protest of the Presbytery of Vermont asked and obtained leave to withdraw for a portion of the present sitting.

On motion, the reading of papers was dispensed with, in order to proceed with the business left unfinished on Saturday, namely, the appeal of Thomas M'Cleery.

Some additional documents were read, and the parties heard and removed.

After a free discussion, the question was put, “Sustain the appeal or not?” and carried “not sustain,” by the following vote, namely, ayes 5—noes 8—non liquet 13.

Reasons of protest by Messrs. Heron and Brown against the Synod's decision of last year, refusing to re-consider their deed of the former year in relation to the Presbytery of Albany, were read, and laid on the table for the present.

On motion resolved, that Synod go into committee of the whole in the afternoon on the consideration of the above paper.

Mr. Miller requested the loan of the manuscript minutes of the Presbytery of Pennsylvania and of the Associate Synod up to 1826. The request was granted.

The records of Presbyteries were called for and referred as follows, namely,

Records of the Presbytery of Cambridge to Messrs. Templeton and Wallace.

Records of the Presbytery of Albany to Messrs. Walker and Law.



Records of the Presbytery of Philadelphia to Messrs. Hindman and M<sup>r</sup>Arthur.

The records of the Presbytery of Vermont not being present, an excuse was offered and sustained. Adjourned to the usual hour. Closed with prayer.

*Half past 2, P. M.*

The Synod met, and was opened with prayer. Members present as above. The minutes of last sitting were read and approved.

Papers being called for, there were given and read,

No. 35. A Representation and Petition from Rev. Messrs. S. Wilson and James P. Smart in reference to a decision of the Presbytery of Miami on a question which had been proposed to said Presbytery. This paper was, on motion, referred to a select committee consisting of Messrs. Hindman, Scroggs, and Cooper.

No. 36. The Draught of an Act for a Fast, which was read, and on motion adopted, and referred to a publishing committee, consisting of Messrs. M<sup>r</sup>Elwee and Miller.

The 2nd Thursday of January next was appointed as the day of fasting.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the Synod went into committee of the whole on the paper of protest presented in the forenoon.

Mr. Walker in the chair.

After some time spent in free conversation, the committee rose and reported progress. It was then, on motion, resolved, that a committee be appointed, consisting of Dr. Ramsey, and Messrs. A. Anderson and Hanna, to converse with Mr. Heron in relation to his protest.

The select committee in the case of the Presbytery of Stamford reported; the report was on motion laid on the table for the present.

The committee appointed last year on the Protest of Rev. W. M. M<sup>r</sup>Elwee presented a report, which was, on motion, adopted, and is as follows, namely,

*Report of the Committee on the Appeals of the Rev. Wm. M. M<sup>r</sup>Elwee.*

The committee to whom was referred two protests, taken by the Rev. Wm. M. M<sup>r</sup>Elwee, against certain decisions of the Presbytery of Chartiers, acquitting James Harper, an elder of King's creek congregation, and David Ramsay, a member of the same, on certain charges preferred against them, beg leave respectfully to report,—

That they have fully examined all the papers connected with these cases, and calculated to give light on the subject before the Presbytery. From these papers, it appears that the charge against James Harper arose from a statement made by him in Presbytery. It was rumored that David Ramsay, when speaking to James Harper, respecting a certain compromise between him (Ramsay) and Mr. M<sup>r</sup>Elwee, had said, *on the road going home from Presbytery*, that he (Ramsay) would rather than five dollars he had not made that compromise, or dropped his libel against Mr. M<sup>r</sup>Elwee. At a subsequent meeting of Presbytery, James Harper was called on to state whether such conversation had passed, or whether such a statement was made by David Ramsay to him on the road home from Presbytery, to which Harper answered in the negative, and gave no explanation, nor offered any other testimony to direct the Presbytery in deciding any thing respecting David Ramsay. But, some time afterwards, it was found that David Ramsay had made that very statement to James Harper, but not, (as was alleged,) *on the road home from Presbytery*.

The committee are of opinion that, although the language of James Harper was, strictly speaking, not false, yet had the Presbytery decided on the statement made by him, they must, necessarily, have decided erroneously; for no criminality was attached to the *place* where it was said, but to the *fact* of its being said. The language of James Harper was deceptive, and calculated to mislead the court. He should have said that the words were *not used* by David Ramsay on the *road home from Presbytery*, but they were used at another place within a few days of that time.

The committee, therefore, for the honour of truth and the maintaining of correct testimony, submit for adoption the following resolution: namely,



*Resolved*, That the appeal of the Rev. Wm. M. McElwee, against a decision of the Presbytery of Chartiers acquitting James Harper, be sustained.

With respect to the case of David Ramsay, your committee respectfully report,—That the history of this case is intimately connected with the former. From the papers laid before your committee, it appears that a controversy existed between Mr. McElwee, the protester in this case, and David Ramsay,—that each party had tabled a libel before the Presbytery of Chartiers,—that the Presbytery appointed a committee to bring the parties together, and, if possible, settle the controversy without a judicial investigation. The committee succeeded in persuading the parties to drop their libels, and pledge themselves to abstain, in future, from the agitation of those matters in any way whatever. From the testimony, taken in the case of James Harper, it appears that David Ramsay said, shortly after this agreement, that he would rather than five dollars he had not dropped his libel against Mr. McElwee. This declaration having become a matter of public fame, David Ramsay is charged,

1st. With breaking the compromise agreement by saying that he would rather than five dollars he had not dropped his libel against Mr. McElwee

2d. With denying this violation of it before Presbytery at Noblestown, and calling a witness, (James Harper,) to sustain him in this denial, and thus deceiving and misleading the Presbytery. The first, and most material question to be decided in this case is, are the words imputed to David Ramsay a breach of the compromise agreement made by the parties before a committee of Presbytery? Your committee have no hesitation in answering in the affirmative. That the words were uttered is plain from the testimony, and that they were a violation of agreement between the parties and calculated to do injury is, we think, equally evident.

Farther, the denial of the use of this language before Presbytery, and calling a witness to sustain this denial, was a very material aggravation of the offence.

Your committee, therefore, unhesitatingly recommend to Synod the adoption of the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the appeal of the Rev. Wm. M. McElwee, from a deed of the Presbytery of Chartiers acquitting David Ramsay, be sustained.

The Committee of Appeals in the case of Mr. Samuel McNary reported, and the report was, on motion, laid on the table for the present. Adjourned till the usual hour to-morrow morning. Closed with prayer.

*Tuesday, June 2.*

The Synod met, and was opened with prayer. Members present as above. The minutes of last sitting were read and approved. Papers being called for, the following were given in and read, namely,

No. 37. A memorial from Messrs. John Harbison and James McCoy, members of the congregation of Massie's creek in relation to some of the deeds of Synod. This memorial was, on motion, laid on the table.

No. 38. A question proposed by the Presbytery of Albany for the consideration of Synod, to the following effect, namely,

Is it consistent with the principles of our church for persons not in full communion to hold the office of trustees?

Said question was, on motion, referred to a select committee, consisting of Dr. Beveridge, and Messrs. Heron and Hanna.

The committee appointed last evening to converse with Mr. Heron reported the following paper, namely,

The subscriber finding that certain expressions in his reasons of protest are viewed by his brethren in the Synod in an offensive light, hereby expresses his willingness to withdraw the whole paper, as far as he is concerned in it; it being fully understood that such withdrawal is not to be construed as being a relinquishment of his protest, or as implying a renunciation of any of his individual opinions entertained respecting the Synod's acts of administration.

ANDREW HERON.

The above report was, on motion, accepted by Synod as a satisfactory termination of the case.

The Synod proceeded to the election of members of the Board of

Managers of the Theological Seminary in the room of Messrs. Boyd and Clokey, whose term of service had expired. Messrs. McElwee and McArthur were elected in their room.

The following students, recommended by the Board of Managers, were ordered to be taken on trial for license, and referred as follows: Messrs. Archibald Reid and Isaac Law to the Presbytery of Cambridge, Mr. George C. Vincent to the Presbytery of Muskingum, D. H. A. McLean to the Presbytery of Shenango, Messrs. John Bryan and John M. French to the Presbytery of Chartiers.

On motion, the Committee on Missions were ordered to report this afternoon. The following resolutions were offered and adopted, namely,

"Resolved that Synod send a supply of preaching into the bounds of the Presbytery of the Carolinas, by licentiates, and at least one ordained Minister, who shall make report to next meeting of Synod. The said minister to officiate for three months, commencing the 1st of July."

The appointment of the missionary was, on motion, deferred for the present.

"Resolved that in the mean time Synod address a pastoral letter to the congregations in that section of the church suited to their present circumstances."—Messrs. Martin and Beveridge were appointed a committee to draught said letter."

"Resolved that the members of the Associate Church in the bounds of the Presbytery of the Carolinas be committed to the care of the Presbytery of Philadelphia till next meeting of Synod."

The report of the select committee on the report of the Presbytery of Miami was given in and read. While this report was under consideration, the Synod adjourned till the usual hour. Closed with prayer.

#### *Half past 2, P. M.*

The Synod met and was opened with prayer. Members present as above. The minutes of last sitting were read and approved.

Papers being called for, there was given in and read,

No. 39. A Petition from certain members of the congregation of Cadiz, on the subject of voting at political meetings. This petition was, on motion, laid on the table.

The committee on missions reported, and their report was, on motion, adopted as follows, namely,

#### *Report of the Committee on Missions.*

The Committee on Missions report,—1. On so much of the Report of the Presbytery of Indiana as was referred to them, That the Presbytery of Indiana ask for supply to the amount of twelve months, additional to their ordinary proportion as a Presbytery, and that it be given by one missionary only at a time, and pecuniary assistance to the amount of half the additional supply received. Your Committee recommend that Synod direct the Committee of Supplies to make arrangements in compliance with the Presbytery's request in regard to supplies as far as the necessities of other portions of the church will allow, and that Synod grant pecuniary assistance to the amount asked.

2. On the petition from individuals in Madison, Indiana, for supply and funds. While Synod rejoice to see so many evidences of desire for a supply of Divine ordinances, they sympathize with these individuals and others in their privations, and regret that they are unable to give all the assistance desired. The individuals subscribing this petition, are referred to the Presbytery of Indiana for such a proportion of supply and of funds as that Presbytery can afford out of what is allotted to them by Synod.

3. On the Report by Mr. D. Gordon, respecting the vacancies in Lower Canada. In this report it is requested that Synod grant a permanent supply to that section,

that the supply be by ordained ministers, and by such as shall voluntarily offer themselves for the service. Your committee recommend to Synod to grant the request in full, and as much funds as may be necessary to supply the deficit in the contribution raised by these vacancies.

The Committee on the Theological Seminary reported as follows, in reference to the time of the annual meetings of the Board. The report was, on motion, adopted.

*Report of the Committee on the Hall.*

The committee to whom was referred the Report of the Managers of the Hall, report that, agreeably to a suggestion in that report, we would submit the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the Board of Managers of the Hall shall hold their meetings at the Hall on the 3d Tuesday of March, annually.

The committee on the question from the Presbytery of Albany presented a report, which, being amended, was, on motion, adopted, as follows,

To the question proposed by the Presbytery of Albany, the committee answer, that according to the principles and usages of the Associate church, founded on their views of what is reasonable and expedient, none but such as are members in full communion are eligible to the office of trustees.

From the decision adopting the above report Mr. Hindman dissented, for reasons to be given in.

The committee to whom the reasons of protest by the Presbytery of Vermont had been referred, reported answers, which after discussion were disposed of by the following resolution, namely,

"Resolved, that the answers just read be adopted, and that it is the view of this Synod that the deed of the Synod of last year, committing the members of the Vermont Presbytery to the care of the Presbytery of Cambridge would have been better expressed, had it been said they should have been *temporarily annexed* to that Presbytery."

It was then resolved that Synod proceed to deal with the Presbytery of Vermont on the charges alleged against them.

On inquiry made, and upon information given, it was resolved, that the members of the Presbytery of Vermont have been regularly cited.

Resolved also, that the Synod do not consider the objections made by the Presbytery of Vermont in their reasons of protest a sufficient bar in the way of trial.

Mr. Goodwillie was then asked whether he still adhered to these objections. He answered that he did, but that in this neither he, nor the Presbytery of Vermont intended any disrespect to Synod or declining of their authority. He was then asked whether the Presbytery of Vermont are ready for trial; for answer Mr. G. referred Synod to the concluding part of their reasons of protest.

It was inquired whether Mr. Wm. Pringle was present and ready for trial. No answer was given. The trial then, was, on motion, made the order of the day for next sitting.

The Committee on the Funds reported in part as follows, and the report was accepted.

The Committee on the Funds having examined the account presented by the Presbytery of Illinois for missionary services rendered by Rev. James Templeton within their bounds recommend that the claim be allowed, and that the Treasurer be directed to pay Mr. Templeton the sum of forty-five dollars, the amount due.

Mr. Smart was, at his own request, released from the Committee of Supplies, and Mr. John S. Easton substituted in his room.

Mr. Geery asked and obtained leave of absence for the remaining sittings of Synod. Adjourned to meet at 8 o'clock this evening. Closed with prayer.

*8 o'clock, P. M.*

The Synod met, and was opened with prayer. Members present as above.

Proceeded to the order of the day, namely, the trial of the Presbytery of Vermont. The charge, as embodied in the report of the committee adopted last year, was read. Mr. Goodwillie, the only member of the Presbytery present, was then heard in their defence, and the members of Synod proceeded to express their views on the charge generally. After discussion, the question was put, "guilty or not guilty?" and decided in the affirmative by the following vote, yeas, 28—nays, 1—non liquet, 3.

The Synod then went into committee of the whole, Mr. Walker in the chair.

After some discussion the committee rose and reported progress. On motion, a committee was appointed to prepare a minute to issue the case, with instructions to report to-morrow morning. Dr. Beveridge, and Messrs. Martin and D. Gordon were appointed said committee. Adjourned till the usual hour to-morrow morning. Closed with prayer.

*Wednesday, June 3.*

The Synod met, and was opened with prayer. The minutes of the last two sittings were read, corrected, and approved.

The select committee appointed last evening to report a minute issuing the business relative to the Presbytery of Vermont, presented a report, which, being amended, was adopted as follows, namely,

"The Committee appointed to report a minute in the case of the Presbytery of Vermont, recommend the following resolutions:

1. That said Presbytery having been found guilty of the charge preferred against them of restoring Dr. A. Bullions contrary to presbyterial order, are worthy of a rebuke, and that they be now rebuked accordingly.

2. That said Presbytery be required to submit to the decision of the Synod declaring null and void their act in restoring Dr. A. Bullions to the ministry, and that they also engage to abstain from all farther communion with him, until regularly restored to the fellowship of the church.

3. That upon their compliance with the above they be restored to the full exercise of their presbyterial authority."

On motion, Dr. Beveridge was called to the chair, and Mr. Goodwillie was called upon to say whether he submits to the rebuke voted by Synod. Mr. Goodwillie answered as follows:

"I cannot answer for the Presbytery of Vermont whether that court will submit or not. As to myself, I answer that I do not submit, as I cannot conscientiously acquiesce in the specifications or charges contained under the first resolution of the report adopted by Synod last year."

On motion, a committee consisting of Dr. Ramsay and Messrs.

Scroggs and Wallace, was appointed a committee to converse with Mr. Goodwillie, and report as soon as possible.

Mr. James Wilson asked and obtained leave of absence during the remaining sittings of the Synod. Adjourned till the usual hour. Closed with prayer.

*Half past 2, P. M.*

The Synod met, and was opened with prayer. The minutes of the forenoon sitting were read and approved.

A report from a member of the committee appointed some time ago to report a digest of the acts of a permanent nature to be found in the minutes of Synod, was read, and, on motion, referred to the committee on the Book of Discipline.

The committee to whom was referred the communications from a committee of the convention of Reformed Churches, presented a report, which, after discussion, was adopted as follows:

"The committee to whom was referred the invitation to this Synod from the convention of Reformed Churches to send delegates to the next meeting of said convention, report,

"That the acceptance of that invitation is rendered impracticable, by the convention having appointed its next meeting at a time which interferes with the usual time of holding the annual meeting of this Synod."

From the decision adopting the above report, Messrs. Miller, McElwee, and Heron dissented, for reasons to be given in.

A request was presented to Synod, on behalf of Rev. A. Whyte, jr., for extracts of all the minutes relating to the Presbytery of the Carolinas. The request was granted.

On motion, resolved, that a committee consisting of Dr. Beveridge, and Messrs. J. Gordon and Scroggs, was appointed to report on the propriety of abbreviating the minutes to be published.

A request was made, on behalf of the Presbytery of Illinois, that fifty copies of the Declaration and Testimony be granted to said Presbytery, for gratuitous distribution. The request was granted.

The following question was proposed, and an answer requested.

"A church member acknowledges, that he is a member of a Masonic Society, but utterly denies that it is such a society as that contemplated in our book of discipline, or that there are any such oaths as are therein condemned. Can he therefore be excluded from privileges in the church, without its being proved that he has really taken such oaths as our act on this subject condemns? and upon whom does the proof devolve?"

The former question was answered in the affirmative.

The committee appointed to converse with Mr. Goodwillie, reported that they had made no progress. It was then, on motion, resolved, that a committee, consisting of Messrs. McNaughton, Scroggs, and Wallace, be appointed to prepare a minute, issuing the whole business, relative to the Presbytery of Vermont.

The report of the committee on the remonstrance from the Presbytery of Stamford, was taken into consideration, and after some discussion recommitted. Messrs. McElwee and Webster were, at their own request, released from the committee, and Dr. Beveridge and Mr. Hanna substituted in their room.

Mr. Goodwillie requested copies of certain papers, and extracts of



all the proceedings of Synod, in the case of the Presbytery of Vermont. The request was granted.

The report of the Committee of Appeals, on the papers from the Presbytery of Muskingum, in relation to the case of Samuel M'Nary, was, on motion, taken up. Reasons of appeal from the decision of the Presbytery in the above case, by Rev. Joseph Clokey, were read, together with the Presbytery's answers.

Adjourned till 8 o'clock this evening. Closed with prayer.

*8 o'clock, P. M.*

The Synod met, and was opened with prayer.

An excuse for the absence of Mr. Clokey was offered and sustained.

Resumed the consideration of the business left unfinished in the afternoon. Mr. Clokey, the appellant, was heard, through certain papers transmitted by him, which were read. The members of the Presbytery of Muskingum were then heard, and the parties removed.

The Synod then proceeded to hear the remarks of members on the case. Before going through the roll, the Synod adjourned till the usual hour to-morrow morning. Closed with prayer.

*Thursday, June 4.*

The Synod met, and was opened with prayer. The minutes of the last two sittings were read, corrected, and approved.

The committee appointed to bring in a minute issuing the case of the Presbytery of Vermont, presented a report, which, after some discussion, was, on motion, recommitted.

Resumed the consideration of the business left unfinished at the close of last sitting, namely: the appeal of Mr. Clokey from the deed of the Presbytery of Muskingum, in the case of Samuel M'Nary. Before going through the roll, Mr. M'Arthur asked and obtained leave of absence from the remaining sittings of Synod. Mr. Templeton also obtained leave of absence after this evening.

Adjourned till the usual hour. Closed with prayer.

*Half past 2, P. M.*

The Synod met, and was opened with prayer. The minutes of last sitting were read and approved.

Papers being called for, there were given in and read,

No. 40. A petition from Rocky Spring, Virginia, for supply of gospel ordinances, which was, on motion, referred to the Committee of Supplies.

The Committee of Supplies presented a report, which after some conversation was recommitted.

The Synod resumed the consideration of the subject left unfinished in the forenoon, namely, the appeal of Mr. Clokey. After some discussion, a committee, consisting of Messrs. Miller, Beveridge, and A. Anderson, was appointed to bring in a report as soon as practicable.

Resumed the consideration of the business relative to the Presbytery of Stamford. The report of the committee, as amended, was read, and, after discussion, referred back to the original committee, in order that they may select and bring forward the papers, on which the report is founded.

The Committee appointed to prepare a pastoral letter, to the brethren in the bounds of the Presbytery of the Carolinas, presented a draught, which was read, and, on motion, laid on the table.

The Committee on the appeal from the Presbytery of Muskingum,



presented their report, which was read, and after amendment, adopted by the following vote. 1st Section, Ayes, 24. Nays, 1. Non liquet, 2. 2d Section, Ayes, 18. Nays, 6. Non liquet, 4. 3d Section, adopted unanimously.

The committee to whom was referred the appeal from the Presbytery of Muskingum, ask leave to report,

1. That certain general principles appear to be in some measure involved, on which they think the Synod should clearly express their mind. The committee are of opinion that the Synod should declare, for the information of all under their inspection, that neither constitutions nor laws, offices, nor citizenship, nor obligations of any kind, can justify any in acting contrary to the scriptures, and our holy profession. They think that the Synod should also declare, that men in civil authority, are amenable to the courts of Christ for their official acts, in which they may be convicted of opposing the word of God, and our acknowledged standards.

2. In respect to the particular case before the Synod, it is proposed that the appeal be rejected, inasmuch as the Presbytery had a right to direct the session of Piney-Fork, to call before them any of the members of the congregation, whom public report accused of an offence; and the opinion given respecting the offence itself, did not necessarily imply the condemnation of the offender. For the issuing of the whole case, it is also proposed, that the Presbytery of Muskingum be directed to dismiss all farther procedure.

Finally, it is proposed that the Synod should recommend to their subordinate courts great caution in dealing with persons in civil offices, respecting their official deeds; and, to all persons holding such offices, great caution in their proceedings to give no just occasion of offence by acts either really or seemingly opposite to their profession.

Adjourned till 8 o'clock this evening. Closed with prayer.

8 o'clock, P. M.

The Synod met, and was opened with prayer.

Resumed the consideration of the case of the Presbytery of Stamford.

After a free discussion on the report of the Committee in said case, the report was, on motion, recommitted.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning. Closed with prayer.

Friday, June 5.

The Synod met, and was opened with prayer.

The minutes of the last two sittings, were read, and approved.

The following resolution was offered, and adopted, as a standing rule of Synod.

That protestors against a decision of any Presbytery, be required to confine themselves in their reasons of protest to a simple statement of their reasons, and a brief argument in support of them; and, in like manner, that Presbyteries be required to be equally brief in their answers.

The Committee on the proposed abridgment of the minutes presented a report, which was, on motion, laid on the table.

The committee appointed to report measures for abridging the amount of minutes to be printed, recommend that a standing committee should be appointed at each meeting of the Synod, to which Presbyterial reports shall be referred, in order that a general statement of the affairs of the church may be prepared for publication, instead of the reports themselves. The committee also recommend as a standing rule, that reasons of protests and dissents, together with answers to the same, shall not be published by the Synod, except where a particular order is made to that effect.

The report of Wm. S. Young, Treasurer, pro tem., was given in, and, on motion, referred to the Committee on the Funds.

Baltimore, June 5th, 1840.

Wm. S. Young, in account with Associate Church.—Synod's Fund.

1840.			Dr.
Feb. 19,	Received from Mr. Thomas Burns, Covington, N. Y.,	.....	\$ 5.00
May 13,	“ From Dumfries, U. C., for 1839, per Rev. John Russell,	.....	15.38
“	“ From Stamford, do. do. by do.	.....	10.00
“	“ From York, N. Y., do. by do.	.....	13.50
“	“ From Dumfries, for 1840, by do.	.....	14.64
“	“ From Wm. S. Young, in full for 1000 Psalm Books, sold for Synod, last year, .....	.....	300.00

May 28,	"	From Mr. Wm. Stevenson and wife, Cambridge, N. Y., for Missionary purposes, .....	20.00
"	"	Received of Rev. A. Anderson, for Testimonies, .....	1.00
"	"	Of Mercersburgh congregation, Penn., per Rev. F. M'Naughton, .....	15.00
"	"	Received from M'Connellsburgh congregation, Penn., by Rev. F. M'Naughton, .....	18.86
"	"	From Cambridge congregation, N. Y., by Mr. M'Geoch, .....	17.00
29,	"	From Unity do. Ohio, by Rev. J. Walker, .....	11.15
"	"	From Cadiz do. do. by Rev. Thomas Hanna, .....	10.00
"	"	From Massie's Creek congregation, Ohio, by Rev. A. Heron, .....	20.00
"	"	From Xenia congregation, Ohio, by Rev. A. Heron, ..	20.00
"	"	From Salem do. N. Y., by Rev. D. Gordon, ..	10.00
"	"	From Guinston, do. Penn., by Mr. Wilson, .....	8.50
"	"	From Albany, do. N. Y., by Rev. Jas. Martin, .....	30.00
"	"	From Argyle do. do. by Rev. Jas. P. Miller, .....	27.87
"	"	From Mr. John J. Reid, by do. .....	5.00
May 30,	"	From Baltimore congregation, by Rev. John G. Smart, ..	41.25
"	"	From Hebron do. N. Y., by Mr. Rae, .....	12.10
"	"	From Stone valley do. Pa., by Rev. J. S. Easton, ..	10.00
"	"	From East Nottingham congregation, Pa., by Rev. Wm. Easton, .....	5.00
"	"	From 1st congregation of Philadelphia, by Rev. C. Webster, .....	11.68
June 1,	"	From Truro do. Ohio, by Rev. Jas. Wallace, ..	5.13
June 8,	"	From Barnet do. Vt., by Rev. T. Goodwillie, ..	14.39
			<hr/> \$672.45

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Treasurer *pro tem.* claims credit for the following Disbursements:

1840.			Cr.
May 29,	By cash paid	Rev. A. Heron—Synod's clerk, .....	\$100.00
June 1,	"	do. for Minute Book for Synod, ....	2.00
2,	"	Rev. Jas. Templeton, for Missionary services, ...	45.00
"	"	Wm. S. Young, for printing 1000 extra copies of Minutes for 1839, .....	124.78
June 5,	"	Rev. D. R. De Freest, per Rev. Jas. Martin, for ser- vices in 2d congregation, New York, .....	66.00
"	"	James Taylor, for services, as sexton, per order of Synod, .....	20.00
		Balance in favour of Synod's Fund, .....	357.78
			<hr/> \$672.45

WM. S. YOUNG, *Treasurer pro tem.*

Baltimore, June 2d, 1840.

Wm. S. Young, in account with Associate Church.—Student's Fund.

1840.			
May 28,	Received from 2d Philadelphia congregation, per Rev. J. T. Cooper, .....		\$36.62
"	"	From Baltimore congregation, per Rev. J. G. Smart, ..	41.25
"	"	From Hebron do. per Rev. A. Anderson, ..	10.22
			<hr/> \$88.09

WM. S. YOUNG, *Treasurer pro tem.*

Baltimore, June 2d, 1840.

Wm. S. Young in account with Foreign Missionary Fund of Associate Church.

Amount received as per last report—June, 1839, .....	\$10.00
Interest on the above for 1 year, .....	60
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	\$10.60

WM. S. YOUNG, *Treasurer.*

The Treasurer of the Education Fund presented a report, which was, on motion, accepted, and laid on the table.

*Report of the Committee of Bills and Overtures.—Bill on Education.*

The Committee of Bills and Overtures on so much of the Report of the Presbytery of Albany as recommends the adoption of measures for the aid of young men in prosecuting their studies, preparatory to the work of the ministry, report,—That this recommendation embraces a matter of pressing importance at this time, as the cry—

ing wants of the church call loudly for some more efficient measures for their supply than has been yet adopted. "The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few." Heretofore this matter has generally been left to the choice of the youth themselves, to the inclination of parents and guardians, and to their private means of effecting their object. It is, however, well known that while a few, inclined to the service of Christ in the holy ministry, are in circumstances to effect their object with ease, and many struggle through their preparatory studies with much difficulty, delay, discouragement, and sometimes fatal injury to themselves, there are also many whose desires are checked by their pecuniary circumstances, and every attempt to obtain an education is, in consequence, forbidden. Encouragement by the church should, therefore, be afforded to such young men as give promise of usefulness in the ministry; and while we "pray the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest," we should use the means which Providence has indicated for obtaining our desire. It is, therefore, recommended that Synod adopt the following regulations:

1. That Synod enjoin upon Presbyteries to look out young men of promise for the work of the ministry, and encourage them to engage in preparatory studies.
2. Let every Presbytery establish a fund to be appropriated by them to the education of those who may engage in a course of studies, and who are unable in whole, or in part, to furnish the means themselves.
3. Let the Presbytery examine those whose education they undertake, as to their natural endowments, their desires and motives, and judge of their character for industry, sobriety, prudence, morality, and piety.
4. Let the Presbytery exercise a supervision over such students as are aided by their funds, with respect to their education, their character, conduct, and principles, and withhold assistance from such as prove unworthy of it, and direct and assist them as may be judged necessary.
5. The Presbytery's education fund shall not include that required, at present, by the Synod as the student's fund.

#### The case of the Rev. Alexander Boyd.

Whereas it has been reported, that the Rev. Alexander Boyd has made unsuccessful application for admission into the communion of the Associate Reformed church, thereby evincing his want of steadfastness in his profession; and that his general conduct is not consistent with good ministerial character; and whereas the Presbytery of Shenango have made no report to this meeting, whereby it might appear whether they have dealt with him in regard to these things, or what his ministerial standing may be, therefore, resolved;—

That the above named Presbytery be directed to report their dealings with the said Alexander Boyd, or to deal with him for these offences, and report to the next meeting of the Synod.

Resolved, also, that the Synod cannot give him appointments until satisfied as to his good standing in the ministry.

A petition from the Congregation of Newark for a gratuitous supply of gospel ordinances, was presented, and read. Whereupon it was, on motion, resolved, that Synod refer the case of all such weak Congregations, as apply to Synod for pecuniary aid to their respective Presbyteries to do what may be in their power in the way of affording such aid.

The draught of a pastoral letter, addressed to the brethren, in the bounds of the Presbytery of the Carolinas was taken up, and on motion, it was resolved, that the committee be instructed to transmit said letter in the next number of the Religious Monitor. Two hundred extra copies to be printed.

*A Letter addressed by the Associate Synod to the Congregations and People under their inspection in the bounds of the Presbytery of the Carolinas.*

DEAR BRETHREN—

Being met in a synodical capacity, we find ourselves providentially called upon to address to you a few words in the way of pastoral advice and friendly salutation. You are doubtless aware that the ministerial members of the Presbytery under whose care you have been, have abandoned the profession which they had before made in connexion with the Associate Church. After having intimated

their defection, those members presented themselves at our bar, when after long, earnest and tender, but unsuccessful dealing with them, in order to bring them to a sense of their sin and a return to their duty, they were suspended from the exercise of their ministry and from the fellowship of the church. This judicial act, to which we found ourselves painfully shut up, leaves you, dear brethren, in some respects, like sheep without a shepherd. But whatever trying and painful consequences may result to you from this exercise of discipline, they are not, we protest, to be attributed to us, but to those whose conduct rendered it necessary. You know the divine ordinance of church government and discipline must be maintained in the family of God, or the most deleterious effects will inevitably ensue. If this hedge which God has placed for protection around his vineyard be thrown down, the boar from the forest will waste it out of measure.

But as the destitute condition in which you are placed by the defection of those who formerly exercised a Presbyterial supervision over you, may, by some, be imputed to our synodical action on the subject of slavery, it may be necessary to call your attention, for a little, to that matter. We feel constrained to say, that we do not consider ourselves as having made any demands of our members in the South, relative to slavery, to which conscientious Christians, acting under the constraining influence of the love of Jesus, and with an enlightened view of the whole subject before their minds, could reasonably object. What have we done? We have been saying for forty years past that slave-holding is a moral evil, pointed out as such and condemned by the word of God. To this position, we are happy in believing, that you all profess to yield a cordial assent. We have also said that we could not allow any in our communion to be involved in this moral evil; or, in other words, that we could not tolerate any of our members in the commission of this sin against the Lord our God. And, as the essence of slavery consists in depriving a human being of his natural liberty and rights, under a claim of *property* in him, we have judicially declared that no member of the Associate Church could be tolerated in "holding a human being in the character and capacity of a *slave*;" that is, claiming and holding a human being as his *property* or *chattel*, and enjoying the avails of his unrequited labour.

But do we require, it may be asked, a *legal emancipation* of slaves on the part of those holding them? Undoubtedly we do, is our reply, when this is not rendered absolutely impracticable by civil enactments. We think the godly, conscientious and consistent Seceder will feel himself bound to do this. But in case this legal emancipation be rendered impracticable, then we think it behooves the slave-holder who would maintain a conscience void of offence towards God and towards man, to consider with himself, whether Providence be not calling upon him to arise and remove with all his household, or cause to be removed the enslaved part thereof, to one of the free states of the Union, where men are not compelled by civil enactments to continue in sin. But suppose that this step towards the performance of a high and holy act of justice, a noble and generous deed of emancipation, be also rendered impracticable from the existence of imperious circumstances, what then is to be done? We answer, if nothing better can be done, then, what we would call a *moral emancipation* should take

place. And we are far from thinking that there are no cases where this is all that duty requires. By the *moral emancipation* of a slave, we mean a solemn act performed by the master, in which he declares to the slave, that he had been wrong in ever holding and treating him as *his property*, that he now withdraws all such claim, and that so far as his interest is concerned, he regards him as free as himself. This is moral emancipation. But the master should also inform him who had before been really his slave, and who is still his slave in the eye of the civil law, of the nature and operation of that law, of the danger to which he may be exposed by remaining where he is, and of the propriety of his emigrating to a land of liberty; and in case the slave be thus minded, the master should facilitate his removal: but if he choose rather to abide in the service of one who has so generously relinquished a legal claim of property in him, he ought to be in a just and equitable manner recompensed for his labour or service, and in every respect treated as a free agent, and also as an immortal being. And, brethren, we maintain that all disastrous consequences that might afterwards arise to the slave from this kind of emancipation, can never justly be charged upon the emancipator, but upon the unjust laws of the land, or upon the delinquencies of the emancipated himself.

Thus we think that our act of 1831, which has been so much impugned by some among you, as we have heard, possesses a practicable character, if its real spirit and meaning be regarded. It was only intended as a general declaration of a term of communion, under which particular cases might arise requiring the special attention and judgment of the judicatories of the church. Such cases often arise with respect to other terms of communion, and such were expected to arise with respect to this: although, with the exception of a single instance, no such cases have yet been presented to us, either for discussion or advice.

As to the requisition of *immediate* emancipation, either legal or moral, we cannot think that we have committed any error in making it, or that we have required a thing which is not required by the law of God. For if slave-holding be a sin, as we all profess to believe, it surely cannot be abandoned too soon. The divine command is, "Cease to do evil." Terms of communion, from their very nature, require an immediate compliance on the part of those who may be desirous of enjoying the privileges of the society establishing such terms, or at least so soon as those terms come to be known and understood. And yet, as before intimated, there may arise particular cases demanding the action of the church judicatories, in order to have it determined whether they fall within the meaning of the general law, or term of communion, under which they may be supposed to be comprehended.

The recommendations appended to our act of 1831 were afterwards excised, simply because we thought that they operated as a barrier in the way of a faithful execution of that act; and particularly because a leading feature in those recommendations was found to be utterly impracticable. We refer to the contemplated operations of an agent. As the act, therefore, now stands, we sincerely believe, that by the exercise of self-denial, the dutiful sacrificing of mere carnal interests, and an honest endeavour to obey God rather than man, on the part of those concerned, it may be complied with in its true spirit, if not in its very letter.



Thus, dear brethren, we have been somewhat minute and explicit in stating our mind to you on a subject, which, we are free to confess, is attended with many difficulties. And we are not without hopes that this "labour of love," which we are now performing for your eternal good, will be accompanied with the Divine blessing.

It has been declared unto us, brethren, that some of you are ready to make defection from your public profession, and follow the ministers above alluded to out of the fellowship of the Associate Church. We do earnestly entreat you, in the name of the God of faithfulness and truth, seriously to consider of this matter, and diligently to ponder the path of your feet. Do we impose upon you any sinful term of communion? Do we ask of you the performance of any thing which is not in itself good and agreeable to the will of God? Do we prohibit you from the performance of any known and commanded duty? or do we deny to you the right of enjoying any privilege to which the laws of the King of kings entitle you? On what justifiable ground, therefore, can you disrupt the bonds of fellowship with us? Would not your defection be regarded by all men, but more especially by that God before whom we stand, as a public declaration in the face of Heaven that you prefer slave-holding, or the interests, privileges, and emoluments arising therefrom, to the duties and privileges of your profession? The Lord be judge between you and us. "But, brethren, we hope better things of you, and things which accompany salvation, though we thus speak."

And, accordingly, we have made provision for sending to you an ordained brother to labour among you, for a time, in dispensing ordinances; and also for sending you other supplies, if it be found that you are ready to receive them.

Finally, brethren, we exhort you to be of good comfort, notwithstanding the trying and difficult circumstances in which you are placed; for at the evening time it may be light; and you may yet enjoy the blessed privilege of seeing your teachers with your eyes. God may ere long bring "back your captivity," and make your "wilderness as Eden, and your desert as the garden of the Lord." In the mean time we exhort you to stand fast in the faith. Let nothing operate upon you so as to cause you to fall from your steadfastness. We would close this, our pastoral letter, by wishing you grace, mercy, and peace, and by repeating to you the apostolical injunction, "Beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord."

Transmitted by order of Synod,

THOMAS S. KENDALL, *Moderator.*

ANDREW HERON, *Synod's Clerk.*

JAMES MARTIN, }  
THOS. BEVERIDGE, } *Committee.*

On motion, Mr. Kendall was appointed the contemplated missionary to the South, and the Treasurer was ordered to advance to Mr. Kendall the sum of \$50, to defray the expenses of his mission.

It was farther resolved, that the supply of Mr. Kendall's pulpit during his mission be referred to the Committee of Supplies.

The report of the committee, on the case of the Presbytery of Vermont was taken up, and being amended was, after discussion, adopted as follows:

The committee to whom was referred the case of the Presbytery of Vermont, report:

That whereas the Presbytery of Vermont stand convicted before Synod of a flagrant violation of order, in the restoration of Dr. A. Bullions, who had been deposed from the office of the ministry, and suspended from the communion of the church, and placed under the jurisdiction of another Presbytery in whose bounds he resided; and where the process against him had originally commenced; and whereas they have acted contumaciously, in continuing to hold communion with Dr. Bullions after Synod had invalidated their deed restoring him; and whereas the member of that Presbytery who is present refuses submission to the judgment of Synod, requiring him to acknowledge their sin in this matter and submit to rebuke, therefore, resolved:

1. That Messrs. A. Anderson, Martin and Cooper, be appointed a commission to call the Presbytery of Vermont before them at a meeting to be held on the second Wednesday of July, at two o'clock, in Barnet, and signify to them the decision of Synod, and call on them for their submission to said decision, and rebuke them in the name of the Synod; and restore them to their former Presbyterial standing.

2. That, in case said Presbytery refuse to submit, the commission proceed in the name of Synod to declare:—

1. That the Presbytery of Vermont, be and are hereby dissolved.

2. That the ministerial members of that Presbytery, namely, Rev. Thos. Goodwillie and Rev. Wm. Pringle, be, and are hereby suspended from the office of the holy ministry and the communion of the church, until they acknowledge their sin and return to their duty.

3. That the members of said Presbytery be then referred to the Presbytery of Cambridge for farther dealing, in order to their repentance and restoration.

4. That the congregations be placed under the care of the Presbytery of Cambridge.

The committee on the Memorial of Mr. D. Christy presented a report, which was accepted, and ordered to be transmitted to Mr. Christy as the Synod's answer.

The same committee was, on motion, continued, and instructed to report, next meeting, a plan for the Synod's publication of such books as may be thought advisable.

The committee on Bills and Overtures, reported on the report of the Presbytery of Philadelphia, and the report was adopted as follows, viz:

Your committee, on so much of the Report of the Presbytery of Philadelphia as was committed to them, recommend, That in accordance with the suggestions of that Presbytery, Synod appoint a committee to address to the people directions for the right observance of days of fasting and humiliation;—to show what is the duty of persons belonging to our communion, who may be called in Providence to reside in places where they are destitute of Gospel ordinances, as dispensed by the Associate church; and to urge on the people the duty of much and earnest prayer for the promotion of our religious principles.

Messrs. A. Anderson and A. Gordon, were appointed the committee contemplated in the above report.

The committee on Bills and Overtures also reported on the report of the Presbytery of Albany. The report was adopted. [This report either did not come into our hands, or it has been lost.]

The same committee presented a report on the memorial respecting the traffic in ardent spirits, which was, on motion, adopted as follows: viz:

The Committee of Bills and Overtures, on the memorial presented respecting traffic in ardent spirits, report, That the memorial justly implies that there is a distinction between the use and the abuse of ardent spirits, and between the traffic in them for necessary purposes, and for the gratifying of the flesh, and that the former is lawful and the latter is not. It is recommended that Synod adopt the following as expressing their views.

There is no sin in the use of ardent spirits in itself, as "every creature of God is

good;" the sin lies in the abuse of them. And from the danger of forming ruinous habits by the unnecessary use of ardent spirits, from the very fact that a relish for them inducing us to use them, is a threatening symptom, and from the encouragement which such a use of them gives to intemperance in others, the practice must be condemned; and for the same reason the ordinary traffic in ardent spirits by retail must be condemned as furnishing temptations to vice and affording facilities to its practice. To provide a livelihood for ourselves and for our families is our incumbent duty, but to provide this by the imminent exposure of ourselves, our families, and society at large, to sin and to ruin, and to provide it by means utterly useless to society as well as injurious, is criminal. "Whether, therefore, ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God;" and consequently as subservient to this, as well as fulfilling the law of love to our neighbour, we should pursue callings which tend to the good of society.

Synod, therefore, advise that no member of the church retail ardent spirits for ordinary use, that sessions deal with such members of the church as may be engaged in such traffic, in order to induce them to desist, and that all members of the church refuse any encouragement to those who follow such an employment.

Adjourned till the usual hour. Closed with prayer.

*Half past 2, P. M.*

The Synod met, and was opened with prayer. The minutes of last sitting were read and approved.

On motion, Messrs. Smart and M'Naughton were appointed a committee to draught an act for a fast, to be laid before next meeting.

The committee on the case of the Presbytery of Stamford reported, and the report was, on motion, accepted. After discussion, the following resolutions issuing the case were adopted, viz:

1. Resolved, that though from any thing that appears in the evidence before Synod, Thomas M'Cleery has a right to memorialize Synod for redress in his own case, and in the case of those for whom he acts, yet as suspended from the fellowship of the church, he has no right to be heard in accusation of others in things not properly belonging to their redress.

2. Resolved, that from all the papers and facts laid before Synod, there is not sufficient evidence presented to justify their action on the case, and, therefore, that the memorial of the M'Cleerys be dismissed.

3. That the language of the remonstrance and narrative of the brethren of Stamford Presbytery, and the spirit indicated by it, are in several respects faulty, which faults are not excused by any provocation they have received, however great.

With these views, the committee recommend that a brother be appointed to address the brethren of that Presbytery in a friendly admonitory letter, respecting the language and spirit of their papers, especially their uncharitable insinuations against one of the committee appointed in this case last year.

Mr. D. Gordon was appointed, in accordance with the above resolutions, to address the brethren of the Presbytery of Stamford.

Thomas M'Cleery requested to have the papers relating to his case as before the Presbytery of Cambridge, returned to him. The request was granted.

Mr. Hindman requested extracts from the papers of the Presbytery of Stamford, which request was granted.

The Committee of Supplies presented their report as amended, which was farther amended, and adopted as follows:

*Scale of Appointments.*

Rev. D. Anderson, Philadelphia, June, July, August, September; Chartiers, October, November, December; Muskingum, January, February; Allegheny, March; Philadelphia, April, May.

Mr. William Hamilton, Allegheny, till next meeting of Synod.

J. A. Brown, Miami, June, July, August; Chartiers, September, and till next meeting of Synod.

William Smith, Tennessee, June, July, August, September; Illinois, October, November; Indiana, December, January; Miami, February; Muskingum, March; Ohio, April; Shenango, May.

Thomas Gilkerson, Albany, June, July; Allegheny, August, and till next meeting of Synod.

D. Imbrie, Ohio, June, July; Muskingum, August; Richland, September; Miami, October, November; Indiana, December, and till next meeting of Synod.

Isaac Law, Cambridge, June; Lower Canada, July, August, September; Stamford, October, November; Shenango, December; Ohio, January; Muskingum, February; Richland, March; Chartiers, April, May.

J. Bryan, Chartiers, June, July; Carolina, August, September, October; Tennessee, November, December, January; Indiana, February, March, April; Miami, May.

G. Vincent, Muskingum, June, July; Chartiers, August; Miami, September; Indiana, October, November; Illinois, December, January, February, March; Miami, April; Muskingum, May.

A. Reid, Cambridge, June, July, August, September; Albany, October, November; Philadelphia, December, January, February, March; Shenango, April, May.

J. French, Chartiers, June, July; Albany, August, September; Lower Canada, October, November; Albany, December, January; Cambridge, February; Albany, March, April, May.

D. H. A. McLane, Shenango, June, July, August; Ohio, September; Miami, October, November; Tennessee, December, January, February, March; Miami, April, May.

D. R. De Freest, Albany, June, July, August; Cambridge, September, October, November; Philadelphia, December, January, February; Albany, March, April, May.

Rev. Thomas Ferrier, Richland, till next meeting of Synod.

Rev. S. McLean in the Presbytery where he may reside till next meeting.

On motion resolved that twenty dollars be paid to James Taylor, for his services in attending upon the sittings of Synod.

The committee appointed on the memorial for Cæsar's creek, in reference to an alleged mistake in the printed minutes of last year reported, and their report was adopted as follows:

The committee appointed to examine an alleged mistake in the printed minutes of last year in a report on a communication from Cæsar's creek, report,

That, the only discrepancy between the original paper and the report of the committee is, that the reference in the former is to a new edition of the *Testimony*, and in the latter to a new book of *Discipline*.

Whereas there seems to be a discrepancy between the minutes of the session of Dumfries, and the report of the Stamford Presbytery, the former seeming to intimate that the McCleerys were suspended indefinitely, and the latter that they were suspended in order to trial; therefore resolved, that if they were suspended without trial, the session be directed to proceed regularly to their trial.

The committee on the memorial from Messrs. Wilson and Smart reported as follows:

The committee on the memorial of two members of the Presbytery of Miami, report as follows:

These members complain that the Presbytery of Miami had given an unfaithful answer to the following question proposed to them by certain members of the Associate congregation of Cæsar's creek.

Is it consistent with our witnessing profession, for our members to associate themselves with those engaged in a course of defection from the cause and testimony of Jesus Christ, as parties to an arrangement with them, about the preaching of the word, in which there is a mutual agreement to preach in any particular place alternately?

This, it appears, was answered by the Presbytery as a practical question, in which they give their judgment on an arrangement of the kind in which one of their members, Mr. Heron, was personally concerned. This judgment they think was too favourable, and that it proceeded upon a defective view of the parties to the arrangement, a misapprehension of its main object, and of its genuine character and tendency.

In this opinion your committee, from the facts and reasonings contained in the memorial itself, feel inclined to concur; and accordingly we report, and fully recommend to Synod to pass the following resolutions.

1. That the judgment of the Presbytery of Miami on this question be reversed.
2. That Mr. Heron be required to desist from acting any longer as a party to the arrangement in question.

The Synod agree that they are not prepared to pass judgment on the first resolution at this time.

Resolved farther, that Mr. Heron be required to desist from acting as a party to the arrangement in question, until the Synod have opportunity to investigate and decide that question.

Resolved, that a committee of three be appointed to report next year on the subject contained in these papers.

Messrs. Martin, Walker and Miller were appointed said committee.

Resolved that in the case of the commission appointed to issue the business of the Vermont Presbytery, the second Friday be inserted in place of the second Wednesday of July.

Adjourned till half past eight this evening. Closed with prayer.

*Half past 8, P. M.*

The Synod met, and was opened with prayer. The minutes of last sitting were read.

The Committee on the Funds reported, and the report was, on motion, adopted as follows:

The Committee on the Funds report:

That they have examined the accounts of the different treasurers, and find the funds of Synod to stand as follows, namely, Synod's fund.

In the hands of D. Houston, treasurer .....	\$7030 51
" " " D. Murphy, " .....	198 09
" " " Wm. S. Young, balance, .....	357 78

" " " Wm. S. Young, student's fund, .....	7586 38
" " " do. do. Bible fund, .....	88 09
" " " do. do. Bible fund, .....	593 22

From the above account it will appear that the funds of Synod have diminished within the past year, several hundred dollars. This may be owing, in part at least, to the small number of ministers who have attended the present meeting of Synod. Your committee therefore recommend, that the Synod enjoin on those ministers and congregations who have not contributed to the funds of Synod this year, to raise collections and transmit the sums thus obtained, to some one of the Synod's treasurers as soon as possible.

On motion, resolved, that the Protest from the Presbytery of Vermont, together with the answers, be not published, on account of their great length.

On motion, resolved, that the Memorialists from Cadiz, be referred for answer to the decision of Synod in the case of the appeal from the Presbytery of Muskingum.

On motion, resolved, that the Committee, who draughted the Letter to the Synod of Original Seceders, be instructed to transmit said Letter.

[This Letter will be published in the next number of the Monitor.]

The Committee to examine the minutes of the Presbytery of Albany, reported that they have examined them, and find them correct.

On motion proceeded to the consideration of the sixth chapter in the draught of a Book of Discipline, containing rules of procedure in church courts. On motion, resolved, that these rules be recommended to the church courts for their observance, until the Synod shall adopt the draught.

On motion, resolved, that the draught of a Book of Discipline be published in pamphlet form, and recommended to our church courts, to be used as a general directory, until the Synod can find time to consider and enact it. One thousand copies ordered.

Resolved, however, that this Overture is not to be understood as suspending or setting aside any rules of discipline that are now in force in this Synod.



Mr. Scroggs asked and obtained leave of absence for the remainder of this sitting.

On motion, resolved, that Messrs. Young, Webster, and Cooper, be appointed a committee to superintend the publication on the overture of the Book of Discipline.

On motion, resolved, that the petitions and remonstrances of the meeting of Abolition and Colonization Societies, in the Theological Hall, be laid over till next meeting of Synod.

On motion, Synod went into a committee of the whole, on the subject of the Bible Society.

The Report of the Treasurer of the Bible Fund was read and accepted, as follows, viz:

BALTIMORE, June 2, 1840.

*W. S. Young, in account with Bible Fund of Associate Church.*

1839.—		
June 7,	Balance from last year's Report, .....	\$241 42
"	Received from Mr. D. Houston, for Psalm Books, .....	260 00
	Interest from last year's balance, .....	14 49
Oct. 1,	Received from Mr. John McCall, .....	2 00
1840.—Feb. 19,	Received from Mr. Thomas Burns, Covington, .....	5 00
May 28,	Received from Hebron congregation, N. Y., per Rev. A. Anderson, .....	20 00
"	" from Rev. T. Beveridge, D. D. as the proceeds of } Bibles sent to Canonsburgh, Pa. .... }	52 80
"	" from Mrs. Eliza M'Clung, per A. Heron, .....	1 00
"	" from a friend, .....	50
"	" from Argyle congregation, per Rev. J. P. Miller, ....	25 00
"	" from Granville, " Illinois, per Rev. J. Templeton, .....	3 81
"	" from Baltimore, " Md. per Rev. J. G. Smart, ....	26 75
		<hr/> \$652 77

1839.—	CONTRA.	
	Amount of Bibles sent to Baltimore congregation, .....	\$25 95
Nov. 12,	Amount of do. sent to Argyle, N. Y., .....	31 60
1840.—May 20,	Amount of do. sent to Granville, Illinois, .....	2 00

June 3,	Balance due Bible Fund, .....	59 55
		<hr/> 593 22

\$652 77

W. S. YOUNG.

On motion, resolved, that any Bibles issuing from the Depository of this Synod, shall be without the frontispiece and other plates usually accompanying modern editions.

Resolved, that on application the executive committee be authorized to furnish copies of the Scriptures to our ministers and travelling preachers for gratuitous distribution, where such distribution may be called for.

On motion, resolved, that all persons or societies contributing shall, if they desire it, be entitled to receive Bibles to the full amount of their contributions.

On motion, resolved, that the officers of last year be re-elected.

When the committee rose, it was, on motion, resolved, that the minutes be published in the Religious Monitor. One thousand extra copies were ordered.

The minutes of the present sitting were read and approved, and after prayer, singing part of the seventy-second Psalm, and the apostolical benediction pronounced by the Moderator, the Synod adjourned to meet at Washington, Pa., on the 4th Wednesday of May, 1841, at 2 o'clock P. M.

ANDREW HERON, *Synod's Clerk.*

## STATISTICAL TABLE OF THE PRESBYTERY OF CHARTIERS.

Ministers.	Congregations.	Nearest P. O.	Counties.	States.	Fam.	Com.
Wm. Wilson	Monteur's Run	Clinton . . .	Allegheny	Penn.	40	140
	Robinson . . .	Washington	do	do	43	90
David Thompson	Mt. Hope . . .	W. Middletown	do	do	33	83
	Cross Creek . . .	Brooke . . .	do	Va.	24	64
Jas. Ramsay, D.D.	Chartiers . . .	Canonsburgh	Washington	Penn.	122	430
David French . .	N. & S. Buffalo	Washington . .	do	do	110	240
Alex. Donnan . .	Mt. Pleasant . .	Hickory . . .	do	do	80	163
Wm. M. McElwee	Service & King's c.	Frankfort . . .	Beaver . . .	do	116	264
Bankhead Boyd	Pigeon Creek . .	McCullough's	Washington	do	do	do
T. Beveridge, D.D.	Washington . . .	Washington . .	do	do	25	72
James McCarrell	Tumbleston's Run	do . . .	do	do	31	53
Wm. H. Walker	Ohio . . .	Economy . . .	Beaver . . .	do	70	146
	Nobletstown . . .	Allegheny . . .	do	do	50	do
Vacancies . . .	Peter's Creek . .	Washington	do	do	do	do
	Bethesda . . .	W. Alexandria	do	do	do	do
	Wheeling . . .	Claysville . .	do	do	do	do
	Burgetstown . . .	Washington	do	do	85	180

## STATISTICAL TABLE OF THE PRESBYTERY OF ALLEGHENY.

Ministers.	Congregations.	Nearest P. O.	Counties.	States.
Robert Bruce, D. D.	Pittsburgh . . .	Pittsburgh . .	Allegheny . .	Penn.
John Dickey . . .	Rich-Hill . . .	Kittaning . . .	Armstrong . .	do
	Buffalo . . .	do . . .	do . . .	do
Joseph Scroggs . .	Fairfield . . .	Ligonier . . .	Westmoreland	do
	Donegal . . .	do . . .	do . . .	do
David Blair . . .	Indiana . . .	Indiana . . .	Indiana . . .	do
	Crooked Creek . .	do . . .	do . . .	do
John Hindman . . .	Mahoning . . .	Glade Run . .	Armstrong . .	do
	Glade Run . . .	Kittaning . . .	Armstrong . .	do
	Lower Piney . .	do . . .	do . . .	do
Wm. Galbraith . . .	Berachah . . .	do . . .	do . . .	do
	Freeport . . .	Freeport . . .	Armstrong . .	do
	Bethel . . .	do . . .	do . . .	do
John McAuley . . .	Turtle Creek . .	do . . .	do . . .	do
	Jefferson . . .	do . . .	do . . .	do
	Upper Piney . .	Brookville . .	Jefferson . . .	do
James Rodgers . . .	Cherry Run . . .	do . . .	do . . .	do
	Allegheny . . .	Allegheny . . .	Allegheny . .	do
	Concord . . .	do . . .	do . . .	do
Vacancies . . .	Warren . . .	do . . .	do . . .	do
	Conemaugh . . .	Saltsburgh . .	Indiana . . .	do
	Kittaning . . .	do . . .	do . . .	do
	Gibson's . . .	Punxctawny . .	Jefferson . . .	do
	Clearfield . . .	Curwinsville .	Clearfield . .	do
Without charge				
Joseph Banks . . .	do . . .	Pittsburgh . .	Allegheny . .	do

## STATISTICAL TABLE OF THE PRESBYTERY OF PHILADELPHIA.

Ministers.	Congregations.	Nearest P. O.	Counties.	States.	Fam.	Com.
F. W. McNaughton	Mercersburgh . .	Mercersburgh	Franklin . . .	Penn.	102	do
	McConnelsburgh	do . . .	do . . .	do	do	do
W. Easton . . .	Octorara . . .	Sunflower . .	Lancaster . .	do	65	do
	E. Nottingham . .	do . . .	do . . .	do	57	do
	Muddy Run . . .	do . . .	do . . .	do	20	do
John Adams . . .	Guinston . . .	L. Chanceford	York . . .	do	100	do
	Lower Chancefd	do . . .	do . . .	do	50	do
John S. Easton . .	Stone Valley . .	Brown's Mills	Mifflin . . .	do	do	do
	Kishaequillas . .	do . . .	do . . .	do	do	do
	Lewistown . . .	do . . .	do . . .	do	do	do
C. Webster . . .	1 Cong. Phila.	Philadelphia .	Philadelphia	do	100	263
John G. Smart . .	Baltimore . . .	Baltimore . .	Baltimore . .	Md.	39	70
Jos. T. Cooper . .	2d Cong. Phila.	Philadelphia .	Philadelphia	Penn.	45	120
	Carlisle . . .	Carlisle . . .	Cumberland .	do	do	do
Vacancies . . .	Dickinson . . .	do . . .	do . . .	do	do	do
	Wheatfield . . .	do . . .	do . . .	do	do	do
	Huntingdon . . .	Huntingdon . .	Huntingdon .	do	do	do
	Belfonte . . .	Centre . . .	do . . .	do	do	do
	Sinking Creek . .	Potter's Mills	do . . .	do	do	do
	Rehoboth . . .	do . . .	Union . . .	do	do	do

STATISTICAL TABLE OF THE PRESBYTERY OF ALBANY.

Ministers.	Congregations.	Nearest P. O.	Counties.	States.	Fam.	Com.
Peter Campbell	Florida . . .	Schenectady	Schenectady	N. Y.	42	140
James Martin	Albany . . .	Albany . . .	Albany . . .	do.	70	153
John Graham	Bovina . . .	Bovina Centre	Delaware . .	do.	82	158
	{ New York	do.	do.	do.		
Vacancies . . .	{ Johnstown .	Johnstown .	Montgomery	do.		
	{ Newark . . .	Newark . . .		N. J.		
Without charge						
David R. De Freest		West Troy	Albany . . .	N. Y.		

STATISTICAL TABLE OF THE PRESBYTERY OF CAMBRIDGE.

Ministers.	Congregations.	Nearest P. O.	Counties.	States.	Fam.	Com.
James F. Miller	Argyle . . .	Lake P.O., N.Y.	Wash'n.	N. Y.	120	300
A. Gordon . .	Putnam . . .	Putnam . . .	do	do	48	105
D. Gordon . .	Salem . . .	Anaquasscook	do	do	50	80
A. Anderson .	Hebron . . .	Salem . . .	do	do	72	157
	{ Cambridge .	Cambridge .	do	do		150
Vacancies . . .	{ North Argyle	North Argyle	do	do		110
	{ Hemmingsford			L. C.		
	{ Beech Ridge .			do		
	{ Hinchbrook .			do		

STATISTICAL TABLE OF THE PRESBYTERY OF SHENANGO.

Ministers.	Congregations.	Nearest P. O.	Counties.	States.	Fam.	Com.
Daniel McLean,	{ Venango . . .	Hart's x roads	Crawford .	Penn.	200	500
	{ Salem . . .		do	do		
John France, .	{ Glade Run . .	Bakerstown .	Butler . . .	do	60	200
	{ Coneaut . . .	Meadville . .	Crawford .	do	25	50
Matth. Snodgrass,	{ French Creek .		do	do	32	30
	{ Cherry Run . .		Venango . .	do	20	80
Wm. C. Pollock,	{ Harmony . . .	Harrisville .	Butler . . .	do	80	120
	{ Unity . . .		do	do	55	100
E. Small, . . .	{ Springfield . .		Mercer . . .	do	48	110
	{ Rocky Spring .		do	do	56	126
	{ New Castle . .	New Castle .	Mercer . . .	do	32	70
Vacancies . . .	{ Neshannock . .		do	do	20	43
Without charge	{ Mount Prospect		do	do	25	45
A. Boyd . . .	{ Mercer . . .	Mercer . . .		do	26	83

STATISTICAL TABLE OF THE PRESBYTERY OF OHIO.

Ministers.	Congregations.	Nearest P. O.	Counties.	States.	Fam.	Com.
David Imbrie .	{ Darlington . .	Darlington .	Beaver . . .	Penn.	60	140
	{ Bethel . . .		do . . .	do	70	150
Alex. Murray .	{ Mountville . .	Portersville .	Butler . . .	do	70	140
	{ Slippery Rock .		do . . .	do	80	150
Elijah N. Seroggs	{ West Union . .	New Lisbon .	Columbiana	Ohio.	75	150
	{ 4 Mile Square .			do		
David Goodwillie	{ Poland . . .	Poland . . .	Trumbull .	do	67	139
	{ Liberty . . .		do	do	79	115
	{ Milton . . .	Warren . . .	Trumbull .	do		
Wm. Douthet .	{ Palmyra . . .		Carroll . .	do	8	
	{ Newton . . .			do	18	87
James P. Ramsay	{ Deer Creek . .	New Bedford .	Mercer . . .	Penn.	103	210
	{ Northfield . .			Ohio.		
Vacancies	{ Stow . . .			do		
	{ Springfield . .			do		
	{ West Beaver . .			do		

STATISTICAL TABLE OF THE PRESBYTERY OF VERMONT.

Ministers.	Congregations.	Nearest P. O.	Counties.	States.	Fam.	Com.
T. Goodwillie .	Barnet . . .	Barnet . . .	Caledonia .	Vt.	80	200
Wm. Pringle .	Ryegate . . .	Ryegate . . .	do . . .	do	65	142

STATISTICAL TABLE OF THE PRESBYTERY OF INDIANA.

Ministers.	Congregations.	Nearest P. O.	Counties.	States.	Fam.	Com.
Nath. Ingles	Burnett's Creek	Lockport . .	Carroll . .	Ind.		
	Pleasant Run . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	do		
J. M. Henderson	Carmel . . . .	South Hanover	Jefferson . .	do	69	160
	Clarke . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	do		
James Dickson	Portland . . . .	Portland Mills	Putnam . .	do	41	96
J. L. McLean	Princeton . . .	Princeton . .	Gibson . .	do	27	56
	Midway . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	do		
J. N. Laughhead	Bloomington . .	Monroe . . .	do . . . .	do	21	55
	Otter Creek . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	do		
Vacancies . .	Madison . . . .	Bryantsburgh	Jefferson . .	do		
	Big Creek . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .			
	Laporte . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .			
	Union . . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .			

STATISTICAL TABLE OF THE PRESBYTERY OF MUSKINGUM.

Ministers.	Congregations.	Nearest P. O.	Counties.	States.	Fam.	Com.
John Walker	Unity . . . . .	New Athens .	Harrison .	Ohio	90	209
Thomas Hanna	Cadiz . . . . .	do . . . . .	do . . . . .	do	84	174
	Bloomfield . .	N. Concord .	Muskingum	do	103	221
Daniel McLean	Northfield . .	do . . . . .	do . . . . .	do		
	Mount Pleasant	Smithfield .	Jefferson .	do	33	60
Joseph Clokey	Piney Fork . .	do . . . . .	do . . . . .	do	45	100
	Londonderry .	Londonderry .	Guernsey .	do	65	160
Andrew Isaac	Sharon . . . .	do . . . . .	do . . . . .	do	17	38
	Carmel . . . .	Carrollton .	Carroll . .	do		
Thomas Wilson	Sandy . . . . .	do . . . . .	do . . . . .	do		
	North Union .	do . . . . .	do . . . . .	do		
James Patterson	Scroggsfield .	Scroggsfield .	Carroll . .	do	70	150
	Yellow Creek .	do . . . . .	do . . . . .	do		
Samuel McArthur	Glade Run . .	do . . . . .	do . . . . .	do		
	McMahon's Cr'k	St. Clairsville	Belmont .	do	29	55
James McGill	Belmont . . . .	do . . . . .	do . . . . .	do	36	56
	Cambridge . .	Cambridge .	Guernsey .	do		
Vacancies.	Claysville . .	do . . . . .	do . . . . .	do		
	Clear Fork . .	do . . . . .	do . . . . .	do		
	Jefferson . . .	Harrison . .	Harrison .	do		
	Salem . . . . .	do . . . . .	do . . . . .	do		
	Westchester .	. . . . .	. . . . .			
	New Washington	. . . . .	. . . . .			

STATISTICAL TABLE OF THE PRESBYTERY OF STAMFORD.

Ministers	Congregations.	Nearest P. O.	Counties.	States.	Fam.	Com.
John Russell	Stamford . . .	Queenston .	. . . . .	U. C.	35	80
James Strang	Dumfries . . .	Galt . . . . .	. . . . .	do		230
D. Strang	York . . . . .	Peoria . . .	Genesee .	N. Y.		63
D. Coutts	Esquising . . .	Esquising . .	. . . . .	U. C.		70
Vacancies . .	London . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	do		11
	Chinguacousey	. . . . .	. . . . .			25

STATISTICAL TABLE OF THE PRESBYTERY OF ILLINOIS.

Ministers.	Congregations.	Nearest P. O.	Counties.	State.	Fam.	Com.
James C. Bruce	Henderson . . .	Monmouth .	Warren . .	Ill.	83	210
William Bruce	Bethel . . . .	Ellison Creek	Warren . .	do	30	60
James Templeton	Granville . . .	Granville . .	Putnam . .	do		
	Unity . . . . .	Columbus . .	Randolph .	do		
Vacancies . .	Apple Creek .	White Hall .	Green . .	do		
	Sugar Creek .	. . . . .	Madison .	do		
	Buffalo . . . .	Louisiana .	Pike . . .	Mo.		
	Sharon . . . .	. . . . .	Lincoln .	do		
Vacancies . .	Crooked Creek	Wopalaw . .	Louisa . .	Iowa		
	Edwards . . .	Mercer . . .	. . . . .	Ill.		
	Weathersfield	Henry . . .	. . . . .	do		
	West Branch	Louisa . . .	. . . . .	Iowa		

STATISTICAL TABLE OF THE PRESBYTERY OF THE CAROLINAS.

Ministers.	Congregations.	Nearest P. O.	Counties.	States.	Fam.	Com.
*A. Whyte, jr.	Steel Creek	Charlotte	Mecklenburg	N. C.	27	60
	Bethany	Lexington	Rockbridge	Va.	38	93
*Horatio Thompson	Ebenezer	Lexington	Rockbridge	Va.		
	Timber Ridge	Timber Ridge	do.	do		
	Old Providence	Steel's Mill	Augusta	do		
	Broad Creek	Natural Bridge	Rockbridge	do		
	New Lebanon	Union	Monroe	do		
	New Stirling	Statesville	Iredell Co.	N. C.	50	100
	Cambridge	do	do	do	20	43
	Virgin Spring	Bogles	do	do	12	22
	Nob Creek	Wilsonville	Lincoln	do	11	20
	McGalliard's	Morgantown	Burke	do	7	12
Vacancies	Cochran's Vale	Old Fort	do	do	5	9
	Piedmont	Franklin	Macon	do	7	15
	Sharon	Yorkville	York Dis.	S. C.	16	40
	Neiley's Creek	Coates' Tav.	York	do	23	60
	Smyrna	Chester	Chester	do	18	50
* Under suspension.	Little River	Young's	Fairfield	do	8	16
	Sardis	Smithsford	Union	do	6	14

STATISTICAL TABLE OF THE PRESBYTERY OF MIAMI.

Ministers.	Congregations.	Nearest P. O.	Counties.	States.	Fam.	Com.
A. Heron	Cesar Creek	Jamestown	Greene	Ohio	45	120
Samuel Wilson	Xenia	Xenia	do	do	91	200
James Wallace	Cherokee	Cherokee	Logan	do	37	88
Thomas S. Kendall	Fork Creek	Madisonville	Monroe	Ten.		
Jas. P. Smart	Massie's Creek	Xenia	Greene	Ohio	91	262
G. M. Hall	Sugar Creek	Centreville	Montgomery	do	37	81
	Big Spring	do	Blount	Ten.		
	Pistol Creek	Maryville	do	do		
	Salem	do	do	do		
	Limestone	do	do	do		
	Rocky Spring	Abingdon	Washington	Va.		
	Tuscaloosa	Tuscaloosa	do	Ala.		
	Salt River	do	do	Ky.		
Vacancies	Poplar Ridge	Ottoway	Putnam	Ohio		
	Planefield	Finley	Hancock	do		
	Kenton	Kenton	Hardin	do		
	Round Head	Round Head	do	do		
	Cherry Fork	Cherry Fork	Adams	do		
	Au Gleize	Wapenkonneta	Allen	do		
	Darby	Milford	Union	do		
	Sugar Run	do	do	do		

STATISTICAL TABLE OF THE PRESBYTERY OF RICHLAND.

Ministers.	Congregations.	Nearest P. O.	Counties.	State.	Fam.	Com.
Samuel Irvine	Salt Creek	Fredricksburgh	Wayne	Ohio	75	120
	Millersburgh	do	do	do		
	Mansfield	Mansfield	Richland	do	22	58
Samuel Hindman	Haysville	Hays x roads	do	do	27	63
	N. Washington	Iberia	Marion	do	21	49
	S. Washington	Smith's Mills	do	do	15	35
	Jona's Creek	Wooster	Franklin	do	17	27
David Lindsay	Goshen	do	do	do		
	Licking	do	do	do		
	Wooster	Wooster	Wayne	do	26	50
Joseph McKee	Dover	Dalton	do	do	16	42
Robert Forrester	Truro	Reynoldsburgh	Franklin	do	41	89
	Clear Creek	Savannah	Richland	do	11	22
James Law	Killbuck	do	Wayne	do	16	29
	Redhaw	Rawsburgh	do	do	9	19
	Mohican	New Pittsburgh	do	do		
Vacancies	Delaware	do	do	do		
	Bucyrus	Bucyrus	Crawford	do		
	Keene	Keene	Coshocton	do		



## SUMMARY OF THE PRECEDING TABLES.

PRESBYTERIES.					Ministers.	Congregations not tied and vacant.	Families.	Communicants.
Cambridge . . . . .					4	9	547	1431
Carolinas . . . . .					2	19	248	554
Ohio . . . . .					6	16	690	1431
Chartiers . . . . .					10	17	829	1925
Miami . . . . .					6	21	311	691
Philadelphia . . . . .					7	20	184	847
Allegheny . . . . .					9	24		
Muskingum . . . . .					9	23	572	1223
Albany . . . . .					4	6	194	451
Shenango . . . . .					6	14	679	1557
Stamford . . . . .					4	6	35	479
Indiana . . . . .					5	13	158	367
Illinois . . . . .					3	12	113	270
Richland . . . . .					6	18	296	603
Vermont . . . . .					2	2	145	343
Ministers itinerating . . . . .					14			
Total					97	220	5,001	12,172

*An Act for a Fast.*

Fasting being an occasional duty, depending on circumstances, there is no stated time for it appointed in the Word. The circumstances which, according to the Holy Scriptures, determine the seasonableness of this duty, are the recurrence of solemn religious duties, the prevalence of temporal judgments, and the abounding of iniquity, portentous of these judgments, and of the wrath to come. It is the duty of Christians, in general, to observe the signs of the times, that they may know what they ought to do; but lest they should fail in this important matter, it is made a special duty of the watchmen of Zion to discern the signs of the times, and under certain aspects, to sanctify a fast and call a solemn assembly. Regarding the past, and particularly the present state of things, in our beloved land, the Associate Synod did, therefore, on the day above mentioned, [see page 20,] and hereby do call the people of these United States, and particularly the people under their own immediate care, to solemn fasting, humiliation, and prayer.

"Truly God is good to Israel." He has been and is good to us. He delivered our fathers from papal superstition and oppression. He made a way for them through the great Atlantic, and conducted them in safety to the new world: he cast out the heathen before them and planted them in their land, a large good land, which the Lord our God careth for from the beginning to the end of the year. Refugees from persecution for the truths of the glorious Gospel, as most of them were, the same benign providence that prepared for them a place in the wilderness was graciously continued. As one whom his mother comforteth, so did the Lord comfort them, and at the same time guarding them on every side as with a wall of fire, they were wonderfully increased. "The little one became a thousand, and the small one a strong nation, for the mouth of the Lord had spoken it." In the revolutionary struggle, a struggle of the few

with the many, of the weak with the powerful, a struggle for that liberty which they had exiled to secure and enjoy, the providence of Jehovah in behalf of our fathers was *very remarkable*. "His hand was known toward his servants, and his indignation toward their enemies, for behold! he came with fire, and with his chariots like a whirlwind, to render his anger with fury, and his rebuke with flames of fire." He infused weakness and terror into the hearts of our adversaries, and turned all their counsels into foolishness. He nerved our hearts and hands, he guided our counsels, he fought our battles, and led us to victory, and acknowledged independence. Not less remarkable was his beneficent providence, after the contest was ended, in preserving the states from discord, uniting them into one nation, teaching their senators wisdom, and directing them to the establishment of constitutions and laws, agreeable, for the most part, to his own blessed word. Constitution and laws that secure equal rights and privileges to all classes, and guaranty to the humblest citizen life, liberty, property, and character. Very wonderful, also, has been his goodness in filling public stations, generally, with competent, faithful incumbents, under whose administration the nation has enjoyed peace at home and abroad, with almost no interruption, and has prospered beyond a parallel in the history of nations. But the Divine benignity in planting, nourishing, and preserving the church of Christ in our land, is chiefly to be admired. The golden candlestick was early placed in our midst, and blessed be God, it is not, and, we trust, will not be removed. Glory hath had, and still has her habitation in our land. The doctrines of Christ, and the sweet influences of his Spirit have dropped as the rain, they have distilled as the dew, as the small rain upon the tender herb, and as the showers upon the grass. It is a pleasure to us to speak of these things, "mentioning the loving-kindness of the Lord, and the praises of the Lord, according to all that the Lord hath bestowed on us, and the great goodness toward the house of Israel which he hath bestowed on them, according to his mercies, and according to the multitude of his loving-kindnesses."

But, alas! our badness stands in mournful contrast with his goodness. "We have not rendered to the Lord according to his benefits." "Jeshurun waxed fat and kicked—he forsook God that made him, and lightly esteemed the Rock of his salvation." Not a few, lifted up with pride and besotted through ignorance and carnal lusts, have adopted the fool's creed "No God," and are doing what they can to blot out his name from the memory and veneration of mankind. The half, or perhaps, more than the half of our whole population are atheists in heart and in practice, having lost sight of the being, authority, presence, power, and providence of the great God, who made and governs the world. These sins of the heart are fountains of iniquity, to which may be traced the general neglect or contempt, and the manifold corruptions of Divine ordinances—the blasphemous oaths and horrible execrations that pollute the atmosphere—the desecration of the Sabbath by servile labour on the highways, by carnal visits and amusements, and conversation, vain and frivolous, or of a worldly nature—the contempt of authority, parental, civil, and ecclesiastical, with the insubordination that has convulsed every part of our social system, threatening at times the reign of universal anarchy. The arsons, cold-hearted murders, and

windictive assassinations that so fearfully abound, defiling the land with blood—the horrible lewdness and debauchery of many—the swindling, gambling, and over-reaching in commercial transactions that are so common, with the speculation of public functionaries, which, for a long time, was in a manner unknown in our happy republic, but of late years, has occurred with a frequency that seems to indicate, that as a people, we are becoming rotten to the very core. To the same sources may also be traced the whispering and back-biting, the deceit and double-dealing of many, and the reckless lies and heaven-daring perjuries of not a few. These things are for a lamentation to every pious heart, yea, to every lover of his country, especially when viewed in connexion with the origin that has been indicated, namely, heart atheism, springing as it always does from a malignant opposition to the being and government of the Holy One. Under this aspect vast multitudes of our fellow citizens are saying, as the Jews in the time of Ezekiel, “The Lord hath forsaken the earth, the Lord seeth not.” And if we thus speak against the Most High, what can we expect but that he will say in his wrath, “As for me, also, mine eye shall not spare, neither will I have pity; but I will recompense their way upon their head,” (Ezek. ix. 9, 10.)

But while, for the sins mentioned, the land mourneth, and we should mourn, the following iniquities deserve our more particular notice, as they seem to be characteristic of these times. First, unsoundness in the faith. Many of the Protestant churches have apostatized so long, and so far, that they have lost sight of the first principles of the reformation. In some of them a strain of legalism pervades the whole administration, turning the Gospel of Christ into another Gospel, which is not another. In some, depraved reason is exalted as the sovereign arbiter of truth, and at her bidding, and for her glory, the sublime mysteries of our holy religion, as the trinity of persons in the Godhead, the incarnation of Deity, regeneration by the Spirit, justification through the imputed righteousness of Christ, &c., are wantonly sacrificed. The horrid principles and rites of the papal superstition are growing into favour. The papacy itself, which some years ago, was ashamed to be seen, is lifting up its head and making bold efforts to establish its tyrannical dominion over the bodies and souls of free-born Americans.

Another of the evils characteristic of these times is, indifference in regard to the precious truths of Revelation. The zeal that characterized our fathers, firing them with a noble ardour in the pursuit of the truth, and in the profession and maintenance of it when attained, is subsided and gone, or if any vestiges of it remain, they are reckoned a reproach to the persons in whom they are found. “A wonderful and a horrible thing is committed in the land: the prophets prophecy falsely, and the priests bear rule by their means, and my people love to have it so.”

Another of these evils is, formality and deadness in devotion—the devotion of the closet, of the family, and of the public congregation. So prevalent is this great evil that the valley of vision is full of “dry bones,” and their offensive savour is a “smoke in the nose of the Holy One, a fire that burneth all the day.”

Another of these evils is a rancorous, litigious spirit in political matters; threatening the subversion of all good government, and, at the same time, eating out the vitals of religion; for the animal excite-

ment which it begets and cherishes, is inconsistent with the sober operations of conscience, and of the fear of the Lord; not less at variance, it is believed, with the true Christian spirit and conduct than the excitement of proper inebriation. How sad is it that while the greater part of our fellow citizens and church members are dead to the concerns of God's glory, and the interests of souls, so many of them are filled and carried forward with a hot, ungovernable zeal in the pursuit of their own things!

Another is covetousness. That love of money, which is the root of all evil, is widely prevalent, every one, almost, looking for his gain from his quarter; and with it is connected venality, the flagitious selling and buying of every thing sacred. Not only time and labour, but religious profession, public influence, votes at the ballot box, and in deliberative assemblies, honour, character, a good conscience, and the scriptural hope of a blessed immortality, are sold and bought, not unfrequently in the face of the sun! Yea, though by our national deeds of greatest sanctity, life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, are the acknowledged rights of all, yet throughout the extent of one half of this vast empire, men and women are sold and bought as brute beasts! And to make the bargain availing, the most sacred relations are sundered; the word of life, which our gracious Sovereign has laid open to all, is made forbidden fruit, being fenced about with penal enactments, lest it should be touched; and the possessor of his fellow man is clothed with plenary power to exact and coerce unrequited toils! "Shall I not visit for these things, saith the Lord: and shall not my soul be avenged on such a nation as this?"

Another evil characterizing these times, is pride and self-exaltation. How few have the humility to esteem others better than themselves, giving honour to whom honour is due! How many are boasters, incontinent, fierce, heady, high-minded, lovers of pleasure, more than lovers of God! How many are quick to take offence, and slow to forgive! What a flood of anger, wrath, malice, envy, and bitterness, in heart, word, and deed, is flowing through the land and the church!

To this long catalogue may be added general impenitency and irreclaimableness: "I have learned and heard, but they spoke not aright; no man repented him of his wickedness, saying, what have I done? Every one turned to his course as the horse rusheth into the battle." Every method of improvement has been tried, (for what could have been done more that has not been done?) and tried in vain. The Lord has lavished all his goodness upon us, but our hearts have not been won by these means. He has chastised us, but we have refused to receive correction. His sword has been made bare, and, to some extent, bathed in blood, and his angels of destruction, the pestilence and noisome diseases, consuming flames, and the furious whirlwind have passed through city and country; but how few have laid to heart his call given in this solemn way? "Turn from iniquity, that it may not be your ruin." The ways of the people of this land, in the pursuit of their idols of gold and silver, have been obstructed, for a few years past, with the thorn hedge of unpropitious seasons, and now, latterly, though the seasons have been favourable, and the products of the earth abundant, there is a mysterious providential wall, so that they cannot find their paths. But how

few see the hand of the Lord in this, his dispensations, and say, "We will go and return to our first husband, for then it was better with us than now!" How many by disregard and contempt of these, his doings, by their murmurings and rebellion of heart against the Lord, and by dishonest artifices to build up or preserve their fortunes, are adding iniquity to iniquity! Might it not be said to us as to Israel of old, "Why should ye be chastised any more? ye will revolt yet more and more." This obduracy is undoubtedly common, and augurs the coming of more terrible judgments. "In that day did the Lord God of hosts call to weeping, and to mourning, and to baldness, and to girding with sackcloth. And behold, joy and gladness, slaying oxen and killing sheep, eating flesh and drinking wine. And it was revealed in mine ears by the Lord of Hosts, surely this iniquity shall not be purged from you till ye die, saith the Lord God of Hosts."

Wherefore, let us observe, and consider, and sigh, and cry for the abominations done in the land. Let us rise up for the Lord against the wicked, and stand up for him against the seed of evil-doers, showing that we are with him and on his side, not only by the testimony of our lips, but of our practices. Let us especially review our own ways and heart-actings; let us consider how much we have added to the public stock of guilt by our personal sins, and to what extent we have made the public sins our own by approbation or connivance? "Are there not sins with us, even with us, against the Lord our God?"—with us, the Synod?—with us, Presbyteries?—with us, Sessions?—with us, Ministers? with you, the people?—with us, husbands? with you, wives?—with us, parents? with you children? Yea, doubtless, there are.

Wherefore, let us search and try our ways, and turn again to the Lord. Let us beseech the Most High to spare his people, and not give his heritage to reproach; to avert deserved judgments from the nation, and to pour out his Spirit upon all flesh, especially upon our president and his cabinet council, the houses of congress, the governors of the states and their legislatures, the judges and magistrates of the land, "that so we may lead quiet and peaceable lives in all godliness and honesty." Let us unitedly and ardently implore the reviving of religion in the churches in general, and in our own church in particular, saying with his people of old, "Wilt thou not revive us again, that thy people may rejoice in thee? Show us thy mercy, O Lord, and grant us thy salvation." Let us entreat the God of all grace to qualify, direct, and make faithful our theological professors, and to bless their labours and the studies of candidates for the ministry, that they may be workmen that need not to be ashamed. Let us beseech Him also to bless all the schools of the prophets, and all seminaries of learning, infusing the salt of his grace into these fountains, that the waters being thus sweetened may flow forth through various channels for the supply of the world.

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*An Act to incorporate the Theological Seminary at Canonsburg, in the county of Washington, belonging to the Synod of the Associate Presbyterian Church.*

SECT. 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That Thomas Beveridge, Finley W. McNaughton, Robert Steele, Robert Bruce, Joseph Scroggs, William Bell, James*



Ramsay, Thomas Allison, David French, Samuel Murdock, Alexander Murray, and David Scott, and their successors to be duly appointed as hereafter directed, and to be twelve in number, citizens of Pennsylvania; be and they are hereby made, declared and constituted a corporation and body politic, in law and in fact, to have continuance for twenty years, by the name, style, and title of "The Trustees of the Theological Seminary at Canonsburg, belonging to the Synod of the Associate Presbyterian church of North America."

SECT. 2. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid*, That the Synod of the Associate Presbyterian church of North America may, at their discretion, as often as they hold their sessions, remove all or either of the aforesaid trustees, or such other trustees of said Theological Seminary as may hereafter be appointed; and said Synod shall have power to fill by appointment, any vacancy or vacancies in the board of trustees which may be caused by death, resignation, refusal to serve, removal, or otherwise: *Provided*, That nothing herein contained shall be construed to prevent the re-election of any person to that office.

SECT. 3. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid*, That the said trustees and their successors shall have full power and authority to make, have, and use one common seal with such device and inscription as they shall deem proper, the same to break, alter and renew at their pleasure; and by the name, style, and title aforesaid, shall be able and capable in law to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded in every court or courts, before any judge or judges, justice or justices, in all manner of suits, complaints, pleas, causes, matters and demands whatsoever, and all and every matter and thing; to do therein in as full and effectual a manner as any other person or persons, or bodies corporate and politic.

SECT. 4. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid*, That the said trustees and their successors shall have power and authority to make rules, by-laws and ordinances, and to do every thing needful for the support and good government of the affairs of the said Theological Seminary, and managing the funds of the revenues thereof: *Provided*, That the said laws, rules and ordinances, or any of them, be not repugnant to the laws and constitution of the United States, or to the constitution and laws of this commonwealth, or to this act.

SECT. 5. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid*, That the corporation hereby established shall be able and capable in law to take, receive and hold all and all manner of lands, tenements, rents, annuities, franchises and hereditaments, and any sum and sums of money, and any manner and portion of goods and chattels, which have at any time heretofore been granted, bargained, sold, released, enfeoffed, devised or otherwise given, granted, or bequeathed to the Synod of the Associate Presbyterian church of North America, or to the ministers and elders of said Synod, or to the said Theological Seminary, or any person or persons in trust for said church, Synod, ministers, and elders of the Theological Seminary; and the said trustees and their successors are hereby declared to be seized and possessed of such estate therein, and for the same uses and intents as in and by the respective grant, devise, or other instrument, is set forth and limited; and moreover, the said trustees and their successors, at all times hereafter, shall be capable to purchase, take, hold and enjoy, for the use of the said Theological Seminary, any real estate in fee simple, or less estate, by gift, grant, alienation, devise or other act or instrument of and from any person or persons capable to make the same: *Provided*, That the clear yearly value or income of the messuages, houses, lands and tenements, rents, annuities, or other hereditaments and real estate of said Theological Seminary, and the interest of money, shall not exceed the sum of five hundred pounds.

SECT. 6. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid*, That no misnomer of the said trustees or their successors shall defeat or annul any gift, grant, devise or bequest to or from the said corporation; *Provided*, The intent of the parties shall sufficiently appear upon the face of the gift, grant or other writing whereby any estate or interest was intended to pass to or from said Theological Seminary.

SECT. 7. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid*, That the rents, profits and interest of the real and personal estate, and the annual income of the said Theological Seminary, shall be applied by the said trustees and their successors, from time to time, for the maintenance of the professors and students in the said Theological Seminary, to procuring a library, and for purchasing and improving such lots of land, building, finishing, repairing and maintaining such houses as shall be necessary for the aforesaid purposes, and such

other pious and charitable uses as shall be thought proper by a majority of the trustees aforesaid.

SECT. 8. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That as often as it may become necessary to re-build, enlarge, or otherwise alter the house, or houses of the said Theological Seminary, or to erect any new buildings, or to make any new purchases for the use of the said Theological Seminary, the said trustees and their successors, may make sale of such part of the real or personal estate of the said Theological Seminary, as a majority of the trustees and a majority of the ministers and elders of the Synod of the Associate Presbyterian church of North America, present at any session of said Synod, shall by their vote direct; the money arising from such sale, to be laid out and applied agreeably to the vote of a majority met, as aforesaid; *Provided always nevertheless,* That no sale or alienation of the real estate of said Theological Seminary, be made by said trustees or their successors, *bona fide* and for a valuable consideration, in case the possession pass immediately to the purchaser thereof, and continue in him or her, his or her heirs or assigns, shall be impeached or called in question for want of the consent of the majority of the regular members of said Synod given as before required, unless the same be done within seven years from and after the sale and delivery of the possession to the said purchaser.

SECT. 9. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the said trustees and their successors, shall not grant or otherwise dispose of the real or personal estate of the said Theological Seminary, or charge or incur the same, except in the manner and for the purposes herein before stated; and in all cases where special instructions for the management of said Theological Seminary, and for the disposal of the funds and property thereof shall be given by the said Synod, in writing, under the hand of their clerk, it shall be the duty of the said trustees to carry such instructions into effect.

SECT. 10. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the said board of trustees shall, and may, as often as they see proper, and according to rules by them to be prescribed, choose out of their number a president and vice-president, and shall also have authority to appoint a treasurer and such other officers and servants as shall by said trustees be deemed necessary, to which officers the said corporation may assign such compensation for their services and such duties to be performed by them, to continue in office for such time and to be succeeded by others, in such way and manner as the said board of trustees shall direct.

SECT. 11. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That five members of the board of trustees, including the president, or, in his absence, the vice-president, shall be a quorum sufficient to transact the business of said board and to make by-laws, rules and regulations: *Provided,* That previous to any meeting of the board of trustees for such purposes, not appointed by adjournment, ten days' notice shall be previously given thereof in at least one of the newspapers printed in either of the cities of Philadelphia or Pittsburgh, or in the borough of Washington.

SECT. 12. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That all questions before the board of trustees shall be decided by a plurality of votes, whereof each member present shall have one, except the president, or vice-president when acting as president, who shall have only the casting voice or vote in case of an equality in the votes of the other members.

SECT. 13. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the said trustees shall keep regular and fair entries of their proceedings, and a just account of their receipts and disbursements, in a book or books to be provided for that purpose, and their treasurer shall once in every year exhibit to the Synod of the Associate Presbyterian church of North America an exact state of the accounts of the corporation.

SECT. 14. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That if at any time said privileges, or any of them hereby granted shall be deemed hurtful and prejudicial to the interests of the citizens of this commonwealth, then the Legislature shall and may alter, amend, or annul all or any of them, as they may think expedient and proper.

SAM'L ANDERSON,

*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

THO'S RINGLAND, *Speaker of the Senate.*

APPROVED—The eighth day of April, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and thirty-three.

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